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Iraq, Iran begin talks with Eliasson

UN chief appoints new mediator

GENEVA, Sept. 2, (Agencies): Iran and Iraq began separate peace negotiations with the new UN mediator, Jan Eliasson, today, but Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said the talks had run into problems.

"I think we have some difficulties, because day by day they (the Iraqis) raise some new preconditions," Velayati said after nearly two hours of talks with Eliasson, who was appointed mediator yesterday by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Minutes later, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz arrived for talks with Eliasson. The last face-to-face meeting between the two sides during nine days of talks took place last Friday.

As the negotiations continued in Geneva, the two countries stepped up a war of words, each threatening retaliation for violations of the UN-sponsored ceasefire which came into force on Aug. 20.

Iran's military chief, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, said on Iranian television yesterday: "We have told our forces to retaliate if such things happen again."

Iraq issued a similar warning on Wednesday, saying it would retaliate if such things happen again.

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He named three preconditions raised by Iraq and said: "We do hope that in the future we will not face new preconditions."

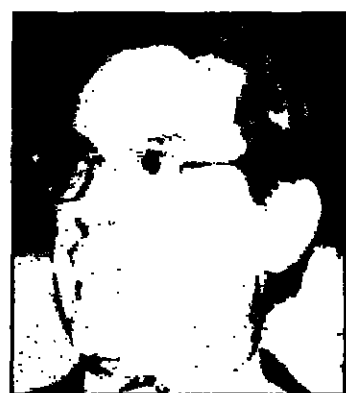
Of the three he referred to, Iran has already agreed to one — face-to-face talks as a condition for a ceasefire.

No progress has been made on the other two: The clearing of war debris from the Shatt Al Arab waterway between the two countries on which Iraq relies for access to the Gulf and Iranian agreement not to search Iraqi ships in the Gulf or Strait of Hormuz.

Iran has said, of the other two preconditions, the first should not be discussed now, although it is willing to clear the Shatt Al Arab eventually. Velayati, described the second as an attempt to undermine Iran's rights in the Gulf and Strait of Hormuz.

In Tehran, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Larjani was quoted by the news agency IRNA as telling French Ambassador Christian Graeff: "The Geneva peace talks will be seriously endangered if any party unjustly tries to gain concessions."

France is current president of the Security Council, whose permanent members have been briefed by Perez de Cuellar with the implicit request to put pressure on the two sides to com-



Eliasson

promise.

IRNA quoted Graeff as saying: "France believes the resolution should be precisely carried out."

Perez de Cuellar left Geneva yesterday after naming Eliasson as the new mediator, although he said he would return if necessary.

Aziz told reporters after 90 minutes of talks with Eliasson: "We reiterated our commitment to sincere and serious work here in the negotiations."

He has said that an insistence on freedom of navigation in the Gulf is a logical application of the ceasefire.

Iran inspected the Iraqi ship Khawla for war material shortly after the ceasefire began and says it has the right to continue to do so.

Iraq announced that it would send the Khawla through the Gulf again on Sunday to assert

its rights of navigation and test Iran's intentions.

Both sides have also traded charges of ceasefire violations. Velayati said today: "After the establishment of ceasefire, Iraq has violated the truce 60 times."

The official Iraqi News Agency said it had counted 74 reports of ceasefire violations by Iran since the Aug. 20 ceasefire.

It said the Iranians aimed, "through these violations, to reorganize some of their military units, establishing observation posts, firing flares and moving personnel-laden vehicles."

It reiterated previous claims that Iranian gunfire was aimed at Iraqi positions, including an incident in which it claims an Iraqi soldier was killed.

In addition, Iranian forces "attempted to approach the border in various sectors, and reinforced their units in forward positions, and redeployed in new areas," the agency said.

Tehran Radio, said 752 Iranian combatants had been taken prisoner since Aug. 20.

Saudi Arabia's Ambassador in Washington Prince Bandar Bin Sultan arrived in Geneva, this morning, diplomatic sources said.

The Saudi diplomat's visit was in connection with the current Iran-Iraq negotiations, they said.

It was unclear if he had seen Tariq Aziz yet.

Amir to address UN General Assembly

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 2, (Agencies): HH the Amir of Kuwait will visit UN headquarters later this month to address the General Assembly as the current chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

The announcement was made yesterday by the secretary-general's office and the Kuwait mission.

It will be the first time a head of state of a Gulf country will speak before the 159-member assembly.

Eleven heads of state are scheduled to address the UN General Assembly session which opens on Sept. 20, according to a list issued yesterday.

The first tally of high-level visitors omitted the name of President Reagan, who is expected to speak here on Sept. 26.

There has been renewed

speculation that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev may make the trip, but officials said they had no direct information on that.

Underlines

The Amir's visit was scheduled for Sept. 28.

The visit of the Amir underlines the growing participation of Arab and Islamic nations in world affairs during the past 20 years, diplomats and UN officials said.

The timing of the Amir's visit is all the more significant as the forthcoming General Assembly deliberations coincide with a new era of peace.

The United Nations has been instrumental this year in bringing about a settlement in Afghanistan and efforts to settle the Iraq-Iran war are continuing in Geneva after a breakthrough

ceasefire agreement in New York.

Earlier this week, the parties to the conflict in Western Sahara agreed to accept a UN peace plan. The problem in Cyprus is moving toward resolution under UN auspices and the world organisation will be called upon again later this year to resume its efforts to end Namibian occupation by South Africa.

The Amir is expected to address this UN involvement in his statement before the world body. He will also discuss the contributions the Islamic states have made in their quest for peace around the world.

Earlier this week the Amir paid tribute to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's "sincere and constructive effort" in solving complex international conflicts.



HH the Amir

No Air Force personnel arrested: Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 2, (UPI): The government and the Air Force today denied a news report that nine Air Force personnel had been arrested in connection with the plane crash that killed President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq and 29 others.

"The report is not correct," a government spokesman said. Under a headline "Nine arrested in connection with Bahawalpur tragedy," Jang, an Urdu-language daily tabloid, reported today that "a squadron leader and eight others" had been "detained" at the Chaklala Air Force base in the Islamabad twin city of Rawalpindi.

The report, quoting "informed sources," said "this action was carried out on the instructions of an important intelligence agency last night." The paper gave no further details.

"We strongly deny this report," a Pakistani Air Force spokesman said. "I don't know where they got it from."

A report of an investigation into the crash was delivered on Wednesday to President Ghulam Ishaq Khan, Zia's constitutional successor, but no details have so far been made public.

Authorities have the power to "detain" for questioning anyone they feel might help with the investigation, but officials say no arrests have yet been made in connection with the disaster.

Pakistan opposition ready for dialogue

KARACHI, Sept. 2, (Reuters): Pakistan's opposition alliance said today it was ready for talks with acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan to ensure free and fair elections.

Khan Abdul Wali Khan, current chairman of the nine-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy, said the opposition was ready to co-operate with the government and was waiting for an invitation to talks.

Since taking over as President after Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq's death in an air crash on Aug. 17, Ishaq Khan has been under strong opposition pressure to take action to ensure elections due on Nov. 16 are not rigged.

The major opposition group, the Pakistan People's Party, has also gone to the Supreme Court to try to force a reversal of Zia's ban on parties directly contesting the polls.

Lebanese premier acts to stem Christian power

BEIRUT, Sept. 2, (Reuters): Lebanon's acting prime minister, a Muslim, moved today to restore his cabinet's status in an apparent bid to stop President Amin Gemayel from replacing him with a Christian-led administration.

In the latest twist in a constitutional crisis, Selim Al Hoss withdrew the resignation of his cabinet, submitted 16 months ago but never accepted by the President.

"We withdrew the resignation" (Continued on Page 2)



Marooned families perch on rooftop of their flooded homes near Dhaka awaiting evacuation. (Reuters wirephoto)

Floods spread death and destruction in two continents

Bangladesh loses lifeline to world

DHAKA, Sept. 2, (Agencies): Bangladesh, battered by monsoon floods which have killed more than 400 people and made millions homeless, lost its lifeline to the outside world today when Dhaka airport was closed to international flights.

Officials closed the airport when runways were flooded, but did not immediately spell out alternative arrangements to bring in relief supplies.

Bangladesh has made an urgent international appeal for aid and relief officials say thousands of people face starvation unless it arrives soon.

Drowning

Officials said the death toll had risen to at least 400, with reports of 30 people drowning and 20 killed by snakes yesterday. Unofficial estimates put the number at more than 800.

President Hossain Mohammad Ershad said the floods were the worst the nation had ever faced.

"This time, survival seems difficult," he told newspaper editors yesterday.

He said at least two million tonnes of crops may already have been destroyed, causing "incalculable damage to the country's economy."

Agriculture officials said floods since June had destroyed \$700 million worth of rice and jute crops.

"There is no shortage of food right now, but the water is making transportation virtually impossible," Ershad said.

Many highways and rail lines have been washed out.

Ershad today took diplomats from the United States, Britain, Australia, Canada and Saudi Arabia on a tour of flood-affected areas to assess the damage.

Evacuate

An estimated 10 million people, or more than 10 per cent of the total population, are stranded by the flooding, many perched on rooftops or on trees, rescuers said.

Rescuers said efforts to evacuate marooned villagers were being hampered by a shortage of boats.

"We also need helicopters to start airlifting cooked food, water and medicine immediately," a relief official said in Dhaka.

In response to Ershad's pleas, two Indian military helicopters arrived in Dhaka to ferry food supplies to marooned areas.

Thousands of families are (Continued on Page 2)

2 million homeless in Sudan

ABIDJAN, Sept. 2, (Reuters): It is raining less in sub-Saharan Africa but last month's downpours have left a trail of destruction from Senegal to Sudan.

Weather forecasters said the stricken area, a 5,000 km (3,000 mile), normally arid strip at the edge of the Sahara, should have much drier weather in the second half of September.

Worst hit was the Sudan where torrential rains and the rising Nile have left two million people homeless throughout the country in the past month and destroyed tens of thousands of homes.

Incalculable

The scale of the Sudan disaster, caused by flooding of the Nile, is incalculable. Officials say the cost to agriculture could run into billions of dollars.

While floods in the north have displaced hundreds of thousands of people from their homes, an estimated one million people are starving in southern Sudan where civil war has wrecked the fragile rural economy.

Approval

Senior United Nations and relief officials said yesterday that the International Committee of the Red Cross had got government approval of a programme to deliver food and drugs to the combat zone in the South.

The start of the long-awaited relief effort now hinges on the rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, they said.

In Ethiopia, floods in the northern provinces are washing away new seedlings and swarms of locusts threaten to devour any grain that survives.

In Nigeria, black Africa's most populous nation, a dam collapsed last month in the northern Kano state and there are fears that a nearby larger dam could flood parts of the heavily-populated city of Kano.

One of the hardest hit nations is Chad, with an estimated 47,000 people left homeless and 13,500 houses destroyed, according to the latest nationwide survey from the United Nations Children's Fund. Many areas of this country straddling Arab and sub-Saharan Africa, were reported to be inaccessible to rescue efforts.

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Turkey offers sanctuary to Barzani

ISTANBUL, Sept. 2, (Reuters): Turkey was willing to give sanctuary to an Iraqi Kurdish leader after month-long battles between his rebels and troops in northern Iraq, a source close to Prime Minister Turgut Ozal said today.

Iran, meanwhile, was ready to accept tens of thousands of Iraqi Kurds who took refuge in Turkey from the Iraqi military offensive, a senior Turkish official reported.

"Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi personally confirmed to me that all (Kurdish) refugees in Turkey who wished to go to Iran would be accepted there," Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Nuzhet Kandemir said on his return from Tehran.

Favourable

The source close to Ozal quoted the Turkish leader as saying Masoud Barzani, who heads the Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) wrote to the Turkish embassy in Tehran requesting asylum.

Ozal said he had not yet seen the letter but a favourable response for temporary sanctuary would be given for humanitarian reasons on condition Barzani agreed to go on to another country, the source said.

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Pandemonium in Indian Parliament

NEW DELHI, Sept. 2, (UPI): Baton-wielding police yesterday broke up a march by more than 200 opposition politicians on Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's home, injuring four people and sparking brawls between lawmakers in Parliament's lower house, witnesses reported.

The Press Trust of India said it was the first time fighting had erupted in Parliament since India gained independence from Britain in 1947. Clashes occur periodically in state legislatures.

The trouble came on the second day of a protest by Andhra Pradesh's ruling Telugu Desam Party over alleged delays by Rajiv's government in approving development projects for the southern state.

More than 200 Telugu Desam state legislators and local councilmen began a march on Rajiv's home from a park near Parliament, where they staged a sit-in on Wednesday. Protest leaders planned to deliver a petition outlining their grievances.

Refused

Scores of police blocked the route less than a mile from Rajiv's residence and refused to allow the procession to continue. Witnesses said Rajiv aides sent word to the protesters that they would decide within five minutes on whether to accept the petition.

After waiting 30 minutes, the

marchers tried to break through the police lines despite entreaties to remain calm, witnesses said.

The police responded by firing tear gas and launching a baton charge in which four people were injured, witnesses said. The demonstrators were herded onto buses and driven to a nearby police station, where they were released later.

"It was a wanton attack on unarmed people, including ladies," charged C. Ramachandran, Andhra Pradesh's Economic Development Minister.

News of the incident sparked howls of outrage from opposition members in both houses of Parliament, where Rajiv's Congress (I) party holds massive majorities. The Telugu Desam has the largest number of opposition seats.

Proceedings in the lower house, or Lok Sabha, were disrupted by Telugu Desam lawmakers shouting for a government apology for the police action. One member, C. Sambhu, rushed at Minister of State for Home Affairs P. Chidambaram and tried to snatch a statement he was reading.

Congress (I) party members pushed Sambhu back and were pounced on by Telugu Desam legislators, prompting a brawl in the chamber.

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INTERNATIONAL

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At least 60,000 Iraqi Kurds, including about 1,000 armed KDP members, fleeing the Iraqi drive to quell the Kurdish revolt in the north have entered southeastern Turkey in recent weeks.

Ozal said on Wednesday Turkey would give safe haven to Iraqi Kurds from the fighting on humanitarian grounds.

The source said that Ozal, speaking on a tour of northern Iraq on the Black Sea coast, also revealed that Kademir had visited Iraq on Monday. The Foreign Ministry official had urged Iraqi leaders to be more lenient towards the Kurds.

The United States is concerned about reports that Iraq may have used chemical weapons in the campaign to suppress Kurdish rebel groups, the State Department has said.

"If the reports are accurate, this is a grave violation of international human rights standards," said deputy spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley, noting that use of chemical weapons was condemned in a UN Security Council resolution approved last week.

She commended the Turkish government for offering temporary shelter to Kurdish refugees.

Britain also expressed grave concern.

"We have noted with concern reports which indicate Iraqi military activity against the Kurds. We are following developments as closely as possible. If true, allegations of recent use of chemical weapons against Kurds would be a matter of the gravest concern," a Foreign Office spokesman said in London.

Train derailed

ATHENS, Sept. 2, (UPI): Seven people were killed and dozens wounded when a passenger train derailed near Athens, the semi-official Athens news agency said today.

The accident occurred at about noon (1000 GMT), when three wagons left the track, killing seven people and wounding dozens at Kinetia.

2 million homeless ...

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In the capital N'Djamena, hit by a downpour on Aug. 23, 10,000 people are homeless and 2,000 mud-built houses have been washed away. Aid workers have begun supplying food, medicine, tents, blankets and equipment to drain floodwaters.

Cameroun President Paul Biya has set up a special relief fund for the flood-stricken population. State radio said rains have caused 11 deaths and made 11,000 homeless.

Burkina Faso has appealed for international aid for the population in 12 of its 30 provinces. The homeless are estimated at 10,000.

In Niger, trenches have been dug and stone walls built in the capital's low-lying districts against the rising River Niger. Five people drowned when a river burst its banks in the southeast. Thirty tonnes of grain have been shipped by river boat to combat limited food shortages.

Senegal recorded four deaths and hundreds of homeless who have searched for shelter in schools and government buildings.

Singapore polls

SINGAPORE, Sept. 2, (Reuters): Singapore's ruling People's Action Party (PAP) is set to win its eighth consecutive election and another five-year mandate tomorrow but its leaders are worried the party's share of the vote will fall.

Efforts continue to end unrest in Poland

Walesa meets striking miners

WARSAW, Sept. 2, (AP): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa met today with striking mine workers in southwestern Poland, as he continued an effort to end the worst wave of worker unrest in seven years.

Spokesman Antoni Pilny said Walesa, accompanied by an aide and his parish priest, Rev. Henryk Jankowski, arrived at the July Manifesto mine shortly before noon.

The current wave of labour unrest began at the mine on Aug. 16. Miners there had insisted on a personal explanation from Walesa on his decision to urge an end to the nation-wide strikes.

In Gdansk, about 700 workers gathered at the port early today after management told about 400 employees involved in strike action not to return to their jobs, Solidarity spokesman Bogdan Borusewicz said.

Management today told the workers to file individual applications for reinstatement. The majority of the workers simply began to work any way, while negotiations on formal rein-

statement continued between management and the strike committee.

Sporadic talks between management and striking dock workers in Szczecin resumed this morning, while striking bus workers in the Baltic port sent a letter to Interior Minister Gen. Czeslaw Kiszczak asking for his help to obtain a guarantee of job security for their leaders.

After an appeal from Walesa, shipyard and steel workers ended strikes in Gdansk yesterday.

Walesa asked the striking workers to resume work after meeting Wednesday with government officials to discuss the labour unrest.

In the meeting, Walesa's first with ranking government officials in six years—the government agreed to discuss some way of reinstating Solidarity and other workers issues in return for an end to the strikes. The free trade union federation was banned in 1982.

Workers at the Stalowa Wola Steel Mill in southern Poland began leaving the plant yesterday

evening after a telephone appeal from Walesa and a message from the Roman Catholic episcopate, a strike committee spokeswoman said.

Also yesterday, at least 3,000 strikers, some of them carrying Solidarity banners, left the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk at the end of their strike.

Walesa works as an electrician at the yard. Eight years ago, he led a strike there that gave birth to Solidarity.

Recognition

Poland's communist authorities recognised Solidarity in an agreement signed Aug. 31, 1980, but declared martial law in December 1981 to suppress the first independent union in the Soviet bloc. Solidarity was officially outlawed in 1982.

In the packed St. Brygida Church in Gdansk, the Rev. Henryk Jankowski told those who ended strikes: "In your wisdom which you showed today, you decided about suspending the protest, but it is only the end

of the physical protest. The strike goes on through dialogue."

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban praised Walesa's efforts to end the labour unrest.

"We appreciate any positive and reasonable step. The appeal to stop the strike is such a step. It should be especially valued when it comes from a participant in the strikes," Urban said.

Walesa met in Warsaw with Kiszczak and Stanislaw Ciosek, an alternate member of the politburo. He said he raised the issues of union pluralism and Solidarity's role. Authorities promised talks on those points and on broad economic and political issues in exchange for an end to the strikes, he said.

Walesa toured the Lenin Shipyard, other striking shipyards and the Gdansk docks yesterday morning and won the agreement to end the strikes.

He spent the afternoon on the telephone with striking dock workers in Szczecin, steel mill employees in Stalowa Wola and coal miners at the July Manifesto mine.

Belfast witnesses more riots

IRA mourns slain fighters

LOUGHMACRORY, Northern Ireland, Sept. 2, (AP): Riot police filled the village of Loughmacrory today for the funeral of two slain Irish Republican Army men, while Catholic west Belfast suffered another night of sporadic riots and fire-bombings.

Loughmacrory, 70 kms off Belfast, flew black flags on every telegraph pole, and the words "IRA" the voice of an oppressed people" were daubed on a wall.

Brothers Gerard Harle, 29, and Martin Harle, 21, were to be buried after a service at the Roman Catholic St. Mary's Church, and 26-year-old Brian Mullin's funeral was to be held Saturday at the nearby village of Dummoye.

Police said they were fatally

shot by a British Army ambush on Tuesday as they drove along a country road, allegedly plotting to kill an off-duty soldier.

Dozens of police with riot shields and batons deployed in the village and along the road to the Harle family home, apparently to prevent the IRA from turning the funeral into an anti-British show of strength.

Riots

The IRA said it honoured its dead comrades with a ceremonial volley in the Loughmacrory area last night.

A spokesman at Belfast police headquarters said police fired plastic bullets to disperse rioters during violence in Roman Catholic areas of the city that flared last night and continued into the

early hours today.

Police said that in rioting earlier yesterday in a west Belfast IRA stronghold, three people were slightly injured and taken to the hospital when troops fired plastic bullets at a hostile crowd.

Police said the rioting yesterday and early today in Belfast was less intense than immediately after the death of Mullin and the Harle brothers.

Police said the three IRA men were armed, masked and driving in a stolen car which was riddled with bullets from the ambushers. They said Gerard Harle was the commander of the IRA's mid-Tyrone unit and that Martin Harle had been responsible for selecting IRA targets from the ranks of the police and the Ulster defence regiment.

Couple marks 103rd year of marriage

MOSCOW, Sept. 2, (UPI): A Soviet couple today marked the 103rd anniversary of their marriage in an area of the Soviet Union that knows no divorce, the Tass news agency said.

The couple, Khatyn and Ilyas Djafarov live in the village of Yanshak in the Transcaucasus region. They were married on Sept. 1, 1885, Tass said.

"There are no divorces in those places in the south of Soviet Azerbaijan and people live very long lives," the news agency said.

"The 118-year-old Khatyn and 122-year-old Ilyas are a remarkable model of being in happy wedlock for over 100 years," Tass said.



Members of Parliament from the south Indian state of Andhra Pradesh clash with police in New Delhi. (Reuters wire-photo)

Fighting breaks out in Indian Parliament

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which several microphones were hurled to the ground. Samba was knocked down, but was not injured, and the melee ended with the suspension of the session.

The house reconvened in the afternoon, but the opposition resumed its protests, chanting "We want justice" and "We demand an apology" and demanding an immediate debate.

Ruling party lawmakers screamed a refusal to discuss the matter. Several opposition legislators then charged the speaker's podium, grabbed files and books from it and hurled them in the air, prompting another adjournment.

After the house reconvened 30 minutes later, the opposition immediately walked out, with one member throwing paper balls at the Congress (I) party benches.

In the upper house, or Rajya Sabha, Telegu Desam lawmakers escalated the opposition in demanding an immediate discussion of the police action, prompting a 15-minute adjournment.

The din resumed when the house returned from the adjournment and the opposition chanted "Shame, shame" as Rajiv left the chamber. The session was suspended for a second time.

When it resumed, the opposition staged a walkout after being told there would be no government statement on the police action, at the moment.

Many opposition members then returned to the sit-in site and joined about 150 people holding a rally previously called by other opposition politicians. The gathering became a general protest over Rajiv's policies.

'Grandmother'

LONDON, Sept. 2, (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is to become a grandmother next spring when her son Mark and his American wife Diane have their first baby, her office announced today.

S. Africa rules out Mandela's release

LONDON, Sept. 2, (Reuters): A South African embassy spokesman said today jailed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela would not be freed until he renounced violence and talk of his imminent release was "pure speculation."

"It is pure speculation that he might be released in the near future," Roger Ballard-Tremee, a spokesman for Pretoria's embassy in London, told British television.

Ballard-Tremee said speculation by Mandela's lawyers that he would be released was "simply leading to raised expectations which are unfounded at this time."

Mandela, 70, who is recuperating from tuberculosis in an exclusive Cape Town clinic, revisited his prison cell to pack

his belongings earlier this week, raising his supporters' hopes that he would soon be released.

Mandela has served 26 years in jail for plotting to overthrow the white-led South African government.

Prospect

Asked if he could confirm Pretoria's stand that there was no prospect of Mandela's release until he renounced violence, Ballard-Tremee said: "At the present stage that is the case."

He said Pretoria was likely to agree to any demands by Mandela that other political prisoners be released with him as long as they also renounced violence.

"Provided they make the same declaration and associate themselves with him, I'd agree with that," Ballard-Tremee said.

PNC to meet within weeks

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provisional government or government-in-exile.

PLO number two, Salah Khalaf, and Farouk Kaddoumi, who heads the PLO's political department, also reported continuing debate.

"We have many options, independence, sovereignty, a state, government-in-exile, transitional government, asking the United Nations to take over the administration of the West Bank and Gaza," Kaddoumi said.

King Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak met in Alexandria yesterday to discuss proposals for a provisional Palestinian government, which they have said they support.

In Amman, PNC Speaker Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Sayeh said that Tunis—where the PLO had its headquarters—was willing to host a government-in-exile

to run the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Salah Khalaf told the Tunisian magazine *Maghreb*: "We don't have ready formulas." A Palestinian state with a provisional government was a possibility but more talks were needed.

He said the nine-month Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied territories had shifted the power balance, built momentum for a Palestinian state and made a PLO initiative imperative.

Support

He also hit out at Arab states, saying they had failed to fulfil their promise to give financial support to the uprising.

Arafat has said he is ready to make peace with Israel in return for a Palestinian state. He is opposed by radical PLO factions

fighting for a secular Palestinian state to replace a defeated Israel.

In Israel, the right-wing Likud party demanded that a dovish Foreign Ministry director-general be fired after he was quoted as saying the PLO was the most representative Palestinian group.

"Israel will have to get used to the idea that the Palestinians are represented by the PLO and no other organisation will be able to replace it," Avraham Tamir was quoted by Israel Radio as saying in Washington.

In response, the Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir told the radio: "I don't think these things should have been said, definitely not by someone who works under the authority of the government or in the name of the government."

"I think steps must be taken against him," Shamir said.

2 Palestinians wounded

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 2, (AP): The West Bank Jewish settlers today for being too quick to use their weapons following the wounding of two soldiers accidentally shot by a settler.

In violent outbreaks in the occupied territories, soldiers shot and wounded two Palestinians apparently during clashes with stone-throwing protesters, a hospital official said.

Speaking in a 90-minute

closed-door meeting, Brig Gen Amram Mitzna warned the settlers to obey Army regulations on the firing of weapons or risk further tragedies, Israel radio reported.

In one incident, Ghasan Mustafa Ahmad Abed, 16, of Azun village near Nablus, suffered a gunshot wound in the right buttock, said an official at Al Itiha Hospital.

Jihad Hamdam Badawi El Zara, 27, was hit by four bullet fragments in the right leg.

Double agents

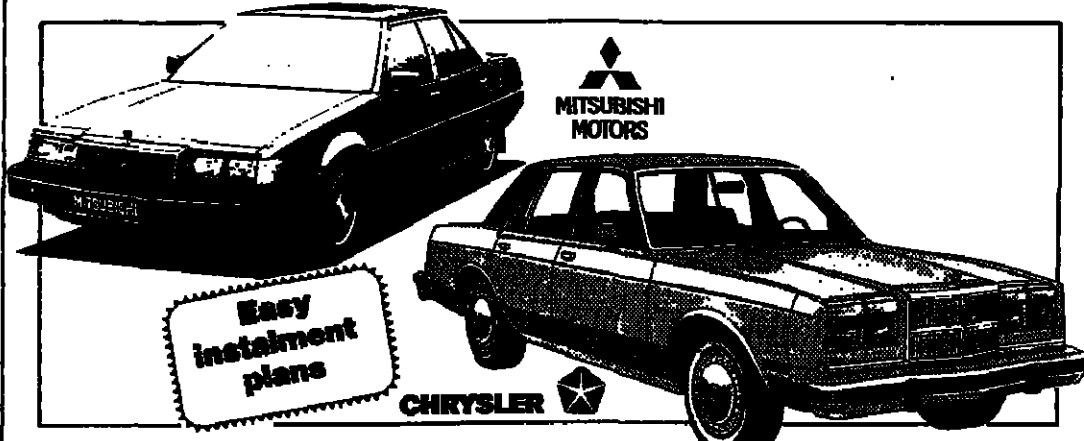
MOSCOW, Sept. 2, (UPI): A number of Soviet KGB double agents have been arrested over the past two and a half years for engaging in espionage against the Soviet state, the head of the secret security apparatus said today.

The admission by KGB chief Viktor Chebrikov was apparently the first time a high security official publicly acknowledged the existence of turncoats within the organisation since the Stalin era, seasoned Western observers said.



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Iran plans to hit opponents hard

NICOSIA, Sept. 2, (Reuters): Iran has signalled a new crackdown on the opposition, saying the government had told revolutionary courts to be more severe against "armed and atheist" groups.

The measure appeared to be directed mainly against the Mujahideen-e Khalq, the main opposition group whose National Liberation Army (NLA) launched an attack into western Iran from its bases in Iraq five weeks ago.

"They have proven their enmity with Islam and the Iranian nation by their armed attack on the Islamic homeland or spying for the enemies," Mordeza Moqtadaei, spokesman for the supreme judicial council, was quoted by Tehran radio as saying.

Appeal

Speaking at a news conference, Moqtadaei said the courts should be "harsh on the infidels" as Muslims are urged to be by the Holy Quran, the radio, monitored in Nicosia, reported.

Mujahideen leader Masoud Rajavi today accused Tehran of executing hundreds of political prisoners and appealed to the United Nations to send a mission to investigate.

Rajavi said in a cable to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar that 86 bodies of executed prisoners had been taken from Tehran's main Evin Prison to the Beheshti-Zahra cemetery between Aug 14 and 16.

He said 200 jailed Mujahideen sympathisers had been killed in Evin Prison on July 28 while they were on a hunger strike against torture.

Executions

More than 10,000 Iranians had been arrested on political charges recently and families of political prisoners had been told they would not be allowed to visit their relatives for two to three months, Rajavi said.

Tehran does not always announce political executions. The Iranian news agency IRNA said on Aug 15 that 15 Mujahideen members had been hanged in western Iranian towns after the NLA thrust had been repulsed.

Iran's chief justice Abdolkarim Mousavi Ardebili said on the same day that there was great public pressure for execution of the jailed Mujahideen and there was no longer any need to send them through cumbersome court proceedings.

Khaddafi announces reforms

TRIPOLI, Sept. 2, (Reuters): Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi on Thursday announced sweeping reforms aimed at dismantling much of the state sector and liberalising foreign trade in his radical North African state.

In a speech marking the 19th anniversary of his 1969 revolution, he also announced that Libyans and Algerians would no longer need passports to visit each other's countries.

Khaddafi's two-hour speech focused on economic reforms which diplomats say he is implementing to shore up his popular support eroded in recent years by austerity measures.

ID cards

Criticising the state agencies for inefficiency and corruption, he said "Libyans will be able to import and export in complete freedom."

All (government) import and export establishments serving the needs of the people will be abolished," he told a rally.

Khaddafi nationalised foreign trade in 1979. Since then Libyans have had to buy imported goods from state agencies.

The announcement that Libyans and Algerians will no longer need passports to visit



Khaddafi

each other's country is the first step towards implementing a proposed union agreed in principle earlier this year.

("From) today, Libyans and Algerians will be able to move across their artificial border with only identity cards," he said, with a senior member of Algeria's ruling National Liberation Front, Sharif Musaidi, at his side.

Libya made a similar agreement with neighbouring Tunisia last year in a move towards a federation of North African states intended eventually to include also Morocco and Mauritania.

Khaddafi also reiterated appeals to Libyan dissidents living abroad to return, saying they were free to come and help build their country.

Rebel attack destroys Kabul arms depot

KABUL, Sept. 2, (UPI): Fire fighters worked into the night battling a dangerous blaze at an airport ammunition depot that was devastated in the second major Afghan rebel attack on Kabul in a week.

A Soviet source said "many people were killed and wounded" in Thursday's attack, while the state-run Bakhtar news agency said four people died and nine were injured by rockets striking a residential section of the city.

The Soviet news agency Tass said in a dispatch from Moscow today that nine people were killed and 21 wounded in the assault.

It said 48 missiles were fired into Kabul from a rebel stronghold southeast of the capital, and one of the missiles "exploded right in a playground by a school in a residential area, which was filled with kids. Five of the school children were killed and another 11 maimed."

Tass said the airport and adjacent residential areas "suffered significant damage," but did not say if any soldiers were among the victims of the attack. The Soviet source acknowledged

there had been casualties among Soviet troops stationed near the northern end of Kabul airport, where airplanes were also destroyed.

A Western diplomat said rockets also landed near the US embassy and the presidential palace, but there were no immediate reports of damage to either of those buildings.

The Soviet source said that the ammunition dump was "one of many at the sprawling facility, others destroyed."

A European traveller at the civilian section of the airport when the attack occurred said two rockets struck the Soviet base, one hitting the ammunition dump and the second setting ablaze a large store of fuel used for paving the runway.

A reporter saw from one mile away the thick, coiling column of black smoke from the tar store, and a pyrotechnic display of exploding ammunition from the ammunition depot.

Flares, tracers and what appeared to be rockets soared into the sky, some exploding and cascading erratically towards the ground. The air was filled with

the constant thud of explosions and an intense crackle of what sounded like the detonation of hundreds of thousands of bullets.

Soldiers and witnesses said the rockets were fired into the city from the east, the same area used by the rebels Saturday in unleashing another barrage at the airport that left five people dead and 32 wounded, including eight Soviet soldiers.

Attack

In Pakistan, the Foreign Ministry delivered a protest note to the Soviet Ambassador in Islamabad over an attack Thursday by Afghan warplanes on Pakistani villages, officials said. The note said the attack was a violation of the May 15, Geneva accord on the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan.

It warned Kabul of "serious consequences" if such attacks did not cease and asked Moscow to restrain Kabul from staging further raids.

The Geneva accord calls for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from the war-torn country and requires Kabul and Islamabad to refrain from interfering from the other's affairs.

Muslim League groups fight for property

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 2, (KUNA): The erstwhile ruling Pakistan Muslim League party which last month broke up into two factions on the leadership question has now started fighting for the party's property.

Fida Mohammad group of the party has ousted the Junejo faction from the party's joint office in Lahore while the latter in a counter action forcibly occupied the joint secretariat in Islamabad.

Taking a cue from their leaders in Lahore and Islamabad, the two factions of the Pakistan Muslim League in other cities have also started the same exercise in their respective cities.

For all intents and purposes the Junejo group has started playing the role of an opposition party all over the country. Junejo, who was sacked on May 29, now uses the language of the parties. He has spoken of possible co-operation with the 9-party opposition alliance MRD (the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy) and also those parties which are outside the alliance.

Junejo in line with MRD campaign has also demanded removal of care-taker chief ministers and federal ministers.

Demonstrators taking over towns in Burma

RANGOON, Sept. 2, (AP): Hundreds of thousands of anti-government protesters marched today through the central city of Moulmein, while others reportedly occupied government buildings and took over scores of cities and towns, a Western diplomat said.

Students and Buddhist monks led the protesters in Moulmein, 80 kilometres east of the capital of Rangoon, the diplomat said. "We estimate that up to 40 townships are under the control of the people," he said.

Thousands of people also rallied peacefully in Rangoon, but far fewer were in the streets than the estimated 100,000 who congregated the day before. The demonstrations today were concentrated near Rangoon General Hospital and the US Embassy.

back to democracy. They were unhappy with President Maung Maung's reaffirmation last night that the ruling party planned a Sept 12 congress to consider a multi-party system.

The diplomat said protesters had called for the biggest demonstrations ever in Burma on Sept. 8, although with widespread strikes and protests already in place, it was unclear what else they could do to force the government's hand.

Last night, the newly formed Committee for Democracy, composed of 21 elder statesmen and former military officers, called a news conference to air demands for an interim government. The diplomat said they urged protesters to vacate government buildings to avoid confrontation with the army.

action against illegal occupiers, but the diplomat said there were no signs it was carrying out the threat.

Rangoon's airport reopened today, and Union Burma Airways resumed international flights. Striking employees closed the airport yesterday, further isolating the southeast Asian nation. Burma's national airline halted domestic flights on Aug 26.

Transfer

Also yesterday, a senior officer of the Foreign Trade Bank in Rangoon said associates of former leader Ne Win came to the bank and tried to transfer \$3 million to a bank in London.

The official, speaking anonymously, said the bank denied the request because Ne Win no longer has the authority to order money transfers. He refused to say who sought the transfer or identify the London bank.

Cyprus bans smoking at public places

NICOSIA, Sept. 2, (Reuters): Cyprits risked a 500-pound (\$1,100) fine from yesterday if caught smoking in buses, libraries, taxis, museums, hospitals or even discotheques.

The law banning smoking in public places spearheaded a government campaign aimed at ending the island's unhealthy record as one of the world's leading nations of smokers.

The World Health Organisation has estimated cigarette consumption in Cyprus at the highest in the world - with an average of 4,050 cigarettes being smoked by each resident a year.

"No one in Cyprus can feel proud of this negative record," said public health and medical services director Andreas Markides, adding that the new law followed a crackdown in more industrialised nations.

In the United States, some states including New York State have introduced laws banning or restricting smoking in offices or public places.

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Indian Army break back of Tigers

COLOMBO, Sept. 2, (Reuters): An Indian Army offensive in Sri Lanka's northern jungles has broken the back of the island's main Tamil rebel group, an Indian general was quoted as saying yesterday.

An authoritative Sri Lankan government source said the information was conveyed to officials in Colombo by Lieutenant General A.S. Kalkat, commander of the 52,000 Indian troops stationed in the island's northern and eastern provinces.

He said the (Indian) operation "has broken the back of the terrorists and elections could now be held," said the source, who did not want to be identified.

Regional council elections in the north and east have been delayed until Indian troops sent to Sri Lanka under a peace pact aimed at ending the Tamil separatist revolt were able to bring the security situation under control.

Kalkat said Indian troops inflicted 65 casualties on the main rebel group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), during the offensive, the source said.

Most of the casualties came when Indian troops smashed a key rebel base last week at Nittukkulam in Mullaitivu district.

Sikh landmine kills 2 policemen

AMRITSAR, Sept. 2, (UPI): Sikh extremists detonated a landmine beneath a police jeep, killing two officers and wounding four others.

Police said the incident occurred late Tuesday on a secluded road about 10 miles (15 km) northeast of the Sikh holy city of Amritsar as a police patrol party was travelling from Majitha to Fatehgarh Churian.

When the driver of the patrol jeep slowed down at a speed breaker Sikh extremists hiding in roadside vegetation detonated a landmine beneath the vehicle, police said.

The blast severely damaged the jeep and killed two officers, they said. Four other officers were wounded.

Two extremists then left their hiding place and approached the jeep apparently to steal the patrol members' weapons. The driver of the jeep fired at the pair with a pistol belonging to his injured commander, police said.

The assailants fled after exchanging shots for about 5 minutes with the driver, they said.

Later, police found a 100-foot (30-m) length of wire stretching from the undergrowth to the spot where the landmine was planted. The wire was apparently used to

trigger the device, police said. It was only the second landmine attack staged by Sikh extremists in their more than 5-year-old fight to establish in predominantly Sikh Punjab the independent theocratic nation of "Khalistan."

The first attack was launched in July against a police jeep in the state's Gurdaspur district. But, there were no casualties as the jeep had already passed over the landmine when it was detonated.

More than 1,800 people have been killed this year in violence related to the Khalistan movement.

The extremists claim India's Sikhs, who constitute about two per cent of the 800 million population, require their own nation to escape discrimination by the Hindu-dominated central government.

The militants have killed at least 1,825 people in the state this year. Most of the victims have been shot and killed, but the radicals also have used bombs and rockets to attack civilian targets.

The toll includes four people shot and killed Wednesday night. United News of India said two of the latest victims were Sikhs, and the others were Hindus.

Carlucci to visit China

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2, (Reuters): US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci will visit China for five days next week and hold talks with senior government officials on global and bilateral military issues, the Defence Department said yesterday.

Carlucci, who recently visited the Soviet Union, will leave Washington today and make a two-day stop in Guam before arriving in Beijing on Monday.

He will spend three days in Beijing and is also expected to visit archaeological excavations near Xian and stop in Shanghai before making a speech in Hong Kong.

The Defence Department did not specify what military issues would be discussed in China, but US defence officials said the talks were sure to include the recent increase in military co-operation between Washington and Beijing.

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Sheikh Nawaf to meet French defence chief for arms talks

KUWAIT'S Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed will meet on Saturday with French Defence Chief Jean Pierre Chevenement, the latest in foreign defence chiefs to offer arms supplies to Kuwait.

Early last month, Sheikh Nawaf stressed that "Kuwait was free to make its own decisions and has the economic power that helps it not to submit to a sole resource for its armaments."

"We purchase weaponry from any country in accordance with our needs and without terms," he said.

A key principle in Kuwait's highly-publicised policy of diversifying arms resources safeguards the country's independence and sovereignty as it will not accept any terms or strings from arms suppliers.

This was clearly stated by HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah during his July visit to the US.

Addressing the National Press Club in Washington Sheikh Saad said: "In the past we acquired arms from East and West. Our quest always depended on the type and quality of military hardware. Do not be surprised if tomorrow, next week or the month after you hear that we have purchased military supplies from the Soviet Union, France or Britain."

Delegations

Over the past eight months, Kuwait has received several high-ranking foreign defence officials, who discussed bilateral military cooperation.

American Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci visited Kuwait last January and met top Kuwaiti officials on the situation in the Arabian Gulf and Kuwaiti-American links.

When Sheikh Saad was visiting Washington, Britain's Defence Secretary George Younger flew into Kuwait for talks with his Kuwaiti counter-

part.

In making proposals for British arms sales to Kuwait, the British official said: "Kuwait anxiously examines all preferred arms types and selects the best of them."

Several Arab and foreign military delegations visited Kuwait, including an Egyptian team headed by a senior Army commander, while Kuwaiti military teams travelled abroad. The final visit is the current Moscow trip by Army Chief-of-Staff, Major General Mezyed Al Sane.

This year, the Defence Ministry signed several arms sales agreements to beef up Kuwait's security shield. Deals were signed with Egypt on June 25, the Soviet Union on July 9 and finally the US on Aug 27.

Kuwait's arms acquisitions have only one goal, that is defending the country against any foreign aggression targeting its independence, security and freedom, officials said.

Committee formed to review schools management system

KUWAIT'S Minister of Education and Acting Minister of Higher Education, Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri, has been quoted as saying that a committee of representatives of the ministry and other authorities was formed recently to review the schools management system.

In an interview with the local daily, Al Nouri said that the review is aimed at creating more effective management.

He disclosed that the Higher Education Council will pursue the schools management proposals, the curricula, preparation of teachers and reformulation of educational objectives.

He added that higher secondary education is still under review and that the ministry is contemplating setting up trade and business schools to meet local market requirements.

Al Nouri expressed satisfaction with the pass rate in the secondary examinations, adding that 56 per cent pass rate in the arts division and 72 per cent pass rate in the science division was in general good. He called on students to abide by examination procedures and to avoid cheating, noting that some 200 students were disqualified from the exams for cheating.

On the subject of summer clubs, the minister said that these

clubs were designed to establish places for the students to spend their leisure time productively during the summer vacation and to develop their talents and hobbies under the supervision of qualified teachers. He added that some kind of review is necessary to ascertain whether this goal has been effectively realised.

Meanwhile, Abdurahman Al Khodari, the undersecretary at the Ministry of Education said that the ministry has no intention of imposing tuition fees and added that there will be no change in school uniforms.

Denied

He denied that there are any plans to dispense with the provision of breakfast for kindergarten children and said that, on the contrary, the ministry is striving to improve the service.

He disclosed that ministry schools will receive about 383,000 students at the beginning of the new academic year. One hundred twenty-three thousand students will go to intermediate schools and almost 105,000 will become high school students.

He also noted that about 519 Kuwaiti teachers have been appointed this year, in addition to about 311 expatriates who were contracted locally and 1,160 who were brought from abroad.

There are 28,000 teachers in

state schools this year, including 2,390 at kindergartens and 7,325 at elementary schools.

Al Khodari added that the ministry will receive 19 new schools from contractors, most of which are in Jahra and Ahmadi educational areas, bringing the total number of ministry schools to 635 this year.

Transfers

He denied that the ministry wishes to discontinue transport services, commenting that this is not in keeping with the concept of the compulsory education system.

Speaking of transfers among teachers, Al Khodari said that this is a normal annual practice which is carried out because of retirements, resignations and new appointments.

He said that the ministry has provided all the schools' requirements in the light of the increasing number of students. Educational services in Kuwait are keeping up with their counterparts in advanced countries, he said.

In conclusion, Al Khodari called on parents to co-operate with the schools' administration in the interest of their children. He also appealed to ministry officials to give the best possible educational services to students and to establish productive communication with parents.

10 years' jail for smuggling drugs

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced a man to 10 years imprisonment to be followed by deportation and a fine of KD10,000 for smuggling half a million pills into the country.

The accused, a Turkish truck driver, succeeded in smuggling the drugs into Kuwait, but CID men followed his movements and arrested him before he could sell the contraband.

After analysis, the pills were certified as drugs used for mental disorders. Laws in Kuwait forbid importing such materials without prior permission from relevant authorities.

The man confessed that he had hidden the pills in secret compartments of his truck and admitted that he was aware of the ban on bringing these items into the country.

In issuing judgement the court took into account the huge quantity of pills and negated the claim that the accused might have brought them for his own personal use.

Along with the judgement, the court ordered the contraband confiscated.

6,000 Islamic heritage manuscripts obtained

THE Documents Heritage and Manuscripts Centre has obtained about 6,000 manuscripts depicting Arab and Islamic heritage, according to the centre's chairman, Mohammed Al Shaibani.

Speaking at a press conference, he said the centre's officials visited Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey, West Germany and East Germany and collected some rare Arab and Islamic manuscripts.

During the 15th century orientals tried to obtain rare manuscripts from the Arab and Islamic countries and had them transferred to European countries. Officials recently visited Holland and Turkey and inspected libraries and scientific centres containing Arabic and Islamic historical manuscripts, Al Shaibani said.

He added that the State Library of West Germany holds about 13,000 Arabic and Islamic manuscripts. There are about 150,000 manuscripts in Sulaimaniyah Library in Istanbul, Turkey, Kuwaiti centres and these libraries co-ordinated the exchange of manuscripts, he said.

The Kuwait Centre has arranged a training course for special-

ists in the art of verifying such manuscripts. Researchers and specialists can use these documents after payment of a reasonable fee, the official added.

Over 19,000 join adult education

ABDUL Aziz Al Najdi, director of the Adult Education and Illiteracy Eradication Department at the Ministry of Education, has said that 9,520 men and 9,506 women will join adult education and illiteracy eradication centres at the beginning of the new academic year.

About 25,000 students register in these centres, but only 20,000 actually take the examinations at the end of the year, according to department figures.

He said that women are more serious about studying than men and that women's centres recorded a 68 to 70 per cent success rate as against only the 52 per cent to 60 per cent success rate at men's centres. The Ministry of Education usually honours outstanding students at these centres every year.



There were few traders and buyers yesterday.

Friday market reopens

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The Municipality leases stalls for KD3, but owners rented stalls to non-Kuwaitis for a higher price of KD20, Naggi complained.

He objected to the weekly draws to rent stalls because it runs counter to the manner of payment of fees, which should be paid monthly or annually.

He said that in the old market he was making a profit of KD100 every Friday. However, since canned food, new electrical machines, furniture and carpets are now banned at the market, his profits have plummeted. He appealed to the authorities to lift the ban on such goods and to start a permanent market which will assist traders in their business.

Boom

The old market witnessed boom due to the free trade transactions and the wide variety of commodities. The new regulations will be against interests of traders in the market, he said.

Another stall holder, Sobhi Makki, protested against the distribution of these stalls, numbering 700, to retirees who are unable to practice such trade in the market. He called on the authorities to provide stalls to young men who are more able and efficient.

Reopening of International School of Pakistan postponed

By Ashraf Shad

THE International School of Pakistan, which was to open today after summer vacation, will now open on Sept 10, according to the secretary of the school's board.

The delay was caused by differences on administrative issues between the Pakistani Embassy and the sponsor of the school, according to informed sources.

The Secretary of the Board of Governors of the school, Akbar Afridi, who is also the First Secretary at the Pakistani Embassy, told the Arab Times that certain misunderstandings on administrative matters with the school's sponsor will soon be resolved by negotiations.

They are waiting for the Pakistani Ambassador, who is also the chairman of the board who is due to arrive in Kuwait today, the secretary added.

During his stay in Pakistan, the ambassador was to select a candidate for the vacant post of Principal of the school.

Meanwhile, the job was also advertised in the Kuwaiti papers last week. According to sources the advertisement was placed by the sponsor of the school.

The post became vacant when the previous principal resigned.

Call to expand vocational training

ABU DHABI: A study by the Educational Bureau of the Arabian Gulf states called on member states to vastly expand their vocational training programmes to address the imbalance in the workforce.

The study also called on the six GCC states, Iraq, and members of the bureau to direct at least 50 per cent of secondary students towards vocational training and studies and to increase the number of technical institutes and colleges.

The study, titled "The Present Situation of Vocational and Technical Education in the Arabian Gulf states" was released yesterday in Abu Dhabi.

The study further urged technical institutes to provide community services by playing the role of social and cultural institutes. It also said girls should be encouraged to join vocational training studies to increase women's contribution to national development plans.

The need to continuously improve the abilities of teachers and trainers in technical centres, and institutes was also underscored.

Links between market needs and study programmes incorporating new technological

advancements in the field were proposed.

The study said Arabic should be used to teach in the technical field to upgrade the standard of teaching.

Repairs cause water shortage

By Lima Al Khalafawi

REPAIRS to main water supply pipes at Khatian and Jubeeb Al Shuyoukh water stations caused water shortages in the areas and necessitated bringing in supplies by tanker from the Omariya and Shuwaikh industrial areas.

The repairs went on for two days, a source at the Ministry of Water and Electricity said. He added that the stations are now working to capacity, supplying water from 6 am to midnight daily.

A new water station is under construction to increase the supply to these heavily populated areas. Work is expected to be complete in about a year.

A resident of the Khatian area complained that the repairs took place without the public being notified so that measures could be taken to conserve water.

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Amiri cables

HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the chairman of the Council of the State of Vietnam on his country's National Day. The Amir sent a similar cable to Libyan leader Col. Moammar Al Khaddafi to commemorate the First of September Revolution.

Crown Prince cable

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah on Thursday sent a cable of congratulations to Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi on his country's National Day.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Correcting revolutionary experience

LOCAL daily Al Rai Al Aam Thursday praised Libyan Leader Moammar Khaddafi's statement in which he accused his Revolutionary Committees of "annihilating political opponents."

Referring to Khaddafi's speech last night in which he said that "some people infiltrated the committees and liquidated political opponents," the paper said that the Libyan leader's criticism "reflects a feeling of responsibility and the wish to correct the experience and to come out with a formula that comes in harmony with the Libyan people's ambitions."

"The experience of the Revolutionary Committees applied by Col. Khaddafi has proved its failure and inability to be the ideal that could achieve social change and civilisation sought by the Libyan leader," the paper said.

The paper suggested that a general referendum be held to allow the Libyan people to express their wishes toward the preferred system of rule.

Desire for peace

A KUWAITI weekly magazine has said it is natural that some factors will surface causing the Geneva Iraq-Iran peace negotiations to stumble once and stop again.

The weekly Al Majalis, in its Saturday edition, said both parties, Iraq and Iran, now have a genuine desire for peace, and noted meanwhile that those awaiting results of the negotiations should be patient.

It added that the negotiations should cover all controversial issues because it is an appropriate opportunity for both countries to end all disputes.

Al Majalis noted that though the eight years of fighting have created some hard feelings that could not be easily removed, the war also opened the way for working out clear bases of cooperation and good neighbourliness.

The magazine pointed out that visits to the Security Council permanent member states by the Arab League's seven-nation committee which is entrusted to follow up the Gulf war developments and the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council, due to meet next week in the Saudi capital are aimed at removing all obstacles that might obstruct the peace process in the region.

Two sailors rescued after 27-day ordeal in waters

ABU DHABI, Sept 2 (AP): Two sailors who spent 27 days lost at sea and survived on water from their yacht's toilet flew back to Paris and the Seychelles yesterday from Dubai, French diplomatic sources said.

The two sailors — Gerard Valt, a 51-year-old Frenchman and Patrick Deyer, 32, of the Seychelles — were brought to the United Arab Emirates port of Khor Fakkan on the Gulf of Oman on Wednesday, said the diplomat, who could not be named under embassy rules.

The two sailors sailed from the Seychelles on July 25. They were headed for Djibouti in Africa,

where they hoped to find work aboard the yacht, the *Shibboleth*. Blue. The boat was hit by a storm on Aug 2.

The two sailors were lost in the sea for 27 days until they were rescued by the Lanka Mahapala Sri Lankan container vessel.

The diplomat reported that the French consul in Dubai in the UAE received the two men on Thursday and found them in good health.

"Damaged batteries and an engine failure had caused them to lose control of the vessel for 27 days," said the UAE English daily, Emirates News.

Kuwait to take part in IEA meeting

KUWAIT will participate in the 32nd conference of the International Energy Agency and the meeting of the agency's Council of Governors that will be held Sept 12-25 in Vienna.

Kuwait will be represented in the two meetings by the chairman of the Kuwaiti Engineers Society, Abdullah Al Minayes.

Representatives of 35 countries will attend the council meeting, a preparatory meeting for the conference which will be attended by representatives of 113 countries.

The conferees will discuss an Arab project relating to Israeli nuclear capabilities. Participants are expected to call upon Israel to place its nuclear installations under the supervision of the agency.

The conferees will also discuss agency projects and budgets as well as the agency's performance during last year.

New allowances

THE Civil Service Commission has agreed to provide new allowances to employees and teachers of the Ministry of Education in remote areas.

The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education, Abdul Rahman Al Khodari, announced that a monthly allowance of KD 25 will be given to employees at grades one to four, and KD 20 will be given to employees for grades from five to eight.

The new allowances, to be implemented shortly, will be given to employees and teachers at Al Oyoon and Taima areas in Jahra.

These incentives are designed to encourage teachers and other employees to accept work in remote areas, Khodari said.

Eddah defends his presidential candidacy

LEADER of the Lebanese Nationalist Block Party Raymond Eddah has said his presidential candidacy was not a challenge of any other runner-up and insisted that he decided to run for the post at the request of his supporters.

In an exclusive interview with the Kuwaiti magazine "Al Majalis" to be published here today, Eddah added that "I can not consider my candidacy as a challenge to any candidates."

Replying to a question on nominating himself for presidency before going back to Lebanon, Eddah said that the constitution does not prevent that. "I will not return back to my country as long as it is occupied by Israel," he said.

Eddah, who is self-exiled in Paris, indicated that he will urge the UN five permanent members to implement Security Council Resolutions 425 and 426 of 1978 which call for unconditional withdrawal of the Israeli Army from all Lebanese territories.

Regarding foreign intervention in the Lebanese presidential elections, Eddah said if Syria and the US agree on a candidate that candidate will be elected.

He added that he was running for president despite Syria's support to candidate Franjeh.

He expressed fears that Lebanon might be eventually divided into two states, Islamic and Christian.

Teenagers arrested

THE public relations department of the Ministry of Interior announced that detectives from Ahmadi arrested a gang of nine teenagers who specialised in stealing from shops.

The nine boys, all under 15 years of age, admitted carrying out 22 thefts in Fahahel, Salamiya and the Salhiya area of Kuwait City.

Saudis make the desert bloom with crops

RIYADH, Sept 2 (AP): An hour's drive southeast of Riyadh, the tan, pebbly desert gives way to thick palm groves and verdant pastures. Sudanese and Egyptian labourers dot the landscape, tending crops that were non-existent 10 years ago.

Then, Al Kharij was just another small, central Arabian

desert oasis. Today it is one of the region's most important farming areas, a major benefactor of the government's tenacious effort to make the desert bloom.

Saudi Arabia seems an unlikely place for an agricultural revolution, with average yearly rainfall of about 4 inches (100 millimetres), nutrient-deficient soil and summers hot enough to fry eggs on the hood of a car. But the desert kingdom's agriculture has boomed in the past decade. In 1978, for example, the kingdom produced 3,297 tons of wheat; last year, the yield was over 2.5 million tons.

Irrigation from subterranean water is crucial for the agricultural programmes. However, some experts warn that by tapping this water, farmers will eventually deplete a scarce natural resource.

The farming boom started when the country, motivated by

the need for economic diversity and the desire for self-sufficiency, decided to bankroll agricultural development.

"If (the US) can spend billions of dollars in order to build a sector that would rid them of our oil, we are not to be blamed for doing exactly as it is doing to reduce our dependence on imported wheat," Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr Abdul Rahman Al Sheikh was quoted as saying in a 1985 report on agricultural development.

He was referring to US measures to stockpile oil and encourage domestic exploration following the Arab oil embargo of 1973.

So land was given away, interest-free loans were made management expertise was guaranteed.

The Grain Silos and Flour Mills Organization, created in

1972, was charged with changing "the traditional agricultural system of Saudi Arabia into a modern mechanized system" and the Saudi Arabian agricultural bank was created to provide farmers with low cost financing.

Wheat was the government's preferred crop, the long-range goal was to make the kingdom the breadbasket of the region, able to feed not only itself but its Gulf neighbours as well.

As it turned out, self-sufficiency was more important than economics. In 1984, according to a recent article in Riyadh daily, "the government spent \$1.3 billion buying home-grown wheat which could have been acquired on the world market for just \$225 million."

Nonetheless, wheat farming is a point of pride in the kingdom. It has also become a source of guaranteed profits for a new class of "agri-businessmen."

UN crime commission meets

VIENNA, Sept 2 (KUNA): The UN commission on preventing and combating crime ended its 10th session here and adopted a number of draft laws aimed at curbing and fighting crime.

Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Sudan were the Arab countries which participated in the discussions.

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approved due to various reasons and has now been replaced by a new draft.

According to the new draft, the Board of Governors will now comprise six members instead of eight. Two will be nominated by the chairman, two by the sponsor in consultation with the chairman, and two will be elected by parents.

The proposed method of nomination is also said to be controversial. On the other hand, parents are also demanding an increase in elected representatives.

Several knowledgeable people in the school's affairs said they deplored the situation and hoped that matters will be resolved amicably.

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EVENTS

TV CORNER

This week on KTV 2

SUNDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Heathcliff cartoons
6.30 3-2-1 Contact: tonight's episode examines marine life in the Bahamas.
7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Muslim philosophy presented by Arafat Al Ashi
7.30 Valerie: "Never on Tuesday": Valerie's neighbour is robbed in broad daylight.
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Flying Doctors: "Acceptance": A seriously ill patient refuses medical aid.
9.30 My Two Dads: "Quality Time": Michael promises to spend time with Nicole but is unable to keep it.
10.00 Hillary's Adventures
10.30 Bestseller: "Home Fires" Part 2. The attorney, who has plenty of problems at work, has extra trouble at home.
11.30 News Summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

MONDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Gallat: cartoons
6.30 The Craft of the Weaver: "Rugs": Faye Morgan explains the working of a loom and Oates examines the colour and texture of rugs.
7.00 Review Report: weekly roundup of world news and regional events
7.30 Charles in Charge: "Discipline": After an argument with a woman, Charles cuts off himself from them.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Miami Vice: "Down for the Count": Part 2. The squad step up efforts after a police informant is killed by the mob.
9.30 Private Benjamin: "For the Love of Judy": Judy receives unwelcome attention from a soldier and decides to take action against him.
10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "Hitchcock returns with another spine-chilling tale."
10.30 The Equalizer: "Christmas Presence": A six-year-old child's desperate plea for help spoils McCall's plans to spend a quiet Christmas. Starring: Edward Woodward.
11.30 News Summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

TUESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Rubick's cartoons
6.30 Chocky: another exciting adventure with Chocky in the lead.
7.00 Australian Ark: "The Small World": There are 250 million species of animals in Australia, including reptiles, fish and birds, tonight a look at their habitat.
8.00 News in English
8.30 You and the Law: local programme
8.50 Magnum: "Forever in Time": Magnum is infatuated with an elusive local girl. Starring: Tom Selleck.
9.30 Les Faucheurs de Marguerites: French series with Arabic sub-titles. Edward develops a new motor for his plan and succeeds in the first trial flight.
10.00 Perfect Strangers: "Snow Way to Treat": Part 2. Larry and Balk and their girlfriends, trapped after an avalanche, try to find a way out. Comedy.
10.30 B/W feature film: "Let George Do It": Starring: George Formby, Phyllis Calvert, Bernard Lee. 1940 production about a guitar player who is mistaken for a spy in Bergen.
11.30 News Summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

WEDNESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 The Mouse Factory: animated feature for young viewers.
6.30 The Kids of Degrassi Street: a serial for children.
7.00 Managing the Micro
7.30 Growing Pains: "Great Expectation": Mike wants to meet his girlfriend in Los Angeles despite his parent's opposition.
8.00 News in English
8.30 O'Hara: "Last Year's Model": A leading fashion designer, accused of murder, is sentenced to death. O'Hara believes the man is innocent.
9.30 Wildlife On One: a look at insects and birds that threaten farms.
10.00 Sledge Hammer: "War Games": A company manager is killed while playing a war game in a



Thursday's late night movie is 'Saw What You Did', starring David Carradine.

forest. Sledge is given the case.
10.30 LA Law: the law firm buzzes with activity as the lawyers take on more cases.
11.30 News Summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

THURSDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoon series
6.30 Sesame Street: scientific, educational and recreational programme for children.
7.30 Full House: "The Miracle of Thanksgiving": The family celebrate Thanksgiving...
8.00 News in English
8.40 High Mountain Rangers: "The Wild": The Rangers help a family reunite after being chased from their farm by wild bears.
9.30 I Married Dora: "Dora Steps Out": Will Dora accept an invitation from an elderly businessman and go out with him?
10.00 The Hit Squad: practical jokes, intrigues and sneaky hits captured by the hidden camera.
10.30 Late Night Movie: "I Saw What You Did": Starring: David Carradine, Candice Cameron and Shane Smith.
12.00 News Summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

FRIDAY

2.00 Holy Quran
2.10 Cartoons
2.30 Sports Studio
6.00 Foo Fur: cartoons
6.30 Walt Disney Film
7.30 The Bay City Rollers Show: songs, humour and a short story for children
8.00 News in English
8.30 Summer '88
8.40 Once a Hero: Captain Justice leaves the forbidden zone and finds out that life is tough in the real world.
9.30 227: Sandra, Mary and other shoppers are taken hostage in a department store. Comedy.
10.00 Guinness Records: more records are set — in eating oysters, piling dominoes, jumping and parachuting.
10.30 Tour of Duty: "The Good, The Bad and the Dead": A team member is court-martialed.
11.30 News summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown



Sandy Moraes (seated) selected Queen of Queens at the YMCA's Come September Ball on Thursday night, pictured with the first runner-up Susan Rego and the second runner-up Christabel Coutinho. (Full story in Sunday's Arab Times).

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.
Islamic Arts Museum
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.
Tareq Rajab Museum
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm. Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

SOCIAL

Welcome Back To Kuwait
The Sounds Great organisation will hold a "Welcome Back to Kuwait" dance party at the Messilah Beach hotel on Sept 29, at 8 pm. Music by the Sounds Great bands. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/ or 5758870. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.
Kuwait Goans Beat Show
The Kuwait Goan Beat Show will be held on Oct 14, 3.30 pm, at the IAC, Funatees. The four-hour show will feature six popular groups — City Limits, 5th Avenue, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones and Top Ranks.
Country Western Musical
The American Community Theatre is rounding up singers, dancers and musicians for their annual Country and Western musical, to be held at the end of September. Interested talents, contact Nancy Parker 2523911 ext. 2346, 5725071 (evenings) or Nola Anderson 2428366.
East meets West
The Indian Arts Circle presents "East meets West", a musical evening, by The Fams, featuring Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. The lead vocalist will be Susan Rego. It will be held at 6.30 pm on Oct 6. Entry by passes. Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or IAC — 3904817.
Indian Ballet
Narharina, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs Prameela Surendran, will stage a ballet, Panchavadi, and a number of Nrithas at its annual show, Nrithotsav, at the Indian Arts Circle, on Sept 22 at 7.00 pm. Admission will be strictly limited; for free passes, call 4337608.
Varca Sporting Centre
Varca Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tent SAS hotel on Sept 22 at 8.00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. For reservations and further details, contact Roland 2430581 or James 5331940.

At the Ramada

Al Bandar coffee shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.
Al Gandouli Grill Garden, open 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties. The Open Garden has a selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Arguilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day. Open every day 7 pm to 11 pm.
Fish and Chips shop open from 4 pm to 11 pm nightly.
Take away counter, open daily 4 pm to 11 pm daily offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks.
At the Continental
The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers buffets featuring Arabic, continental and Indian food at dinner on Thursday and at lunch on Friday.
The darbar offers lunch buffet every Thursday. A la carte for dinner.
At the Hilton
La Patisserie is promoting kiwi fruit. On offer are kiwi cakes, meringue pies, cheesecakes, juices, milkshakes and sundae. Also enjoy freshly baked cakes, pastries and a variety of cold drinks and ice cream creations. Open daily from 10.30 am to 10.45 pm. The promotion ends on Sept 16.
At the Kuwait Plaza
The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini-business lunch. Ice-cream festival at the International Food Arcade, 4 to 10 pm; light snacks also available; open 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.
Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant.
Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday. The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.
At the Holiday Inn
Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes are offered daily at the Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are an ideal place to relax with friends.

SPORTS

IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament
The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.
PBAK Meeting
The Officers of the Philippines Bowlers Association in Kuwait will hold a meeting on Monday, Sept 5, at Far East Restaurant at 7.45 pm sharp. Topics to be discussed include forthcoming PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament to be held on Sept 9 at 300 Club at 9 am. Revised rules and regulations will be distributed to all team captains. Fees must be settled. All team captains are requested to attend the meeting. For details contact PBAK Director Sarah Macarimbang Tel: 4843447.
Salcette United
The Salcette United Sports Centre will hold their third annual Gold Cup Football Tournament starting Sept 9. Those interested may contact Peter 2434415 or Mariano 4744150 after 5 pm, before Sept 1. The draw will be held on Sept 2 at 9 am, at the Phoenix hotel.

HOTELS

At Messilah Beach
Al Mubarakiyah restaurant, open 24 hours, offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as variety of snacks. Sunday's ladies day.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Good Morning
9.30 Tales from Around the World: cartoon serial
10.15 8 Harat Al Bahar: daily serial
11.15 Al Raheel: local series, featuring Suad Abdullah, Ghanem Al Saleh, Maryam Al Saleh, Khalid Al Nafisi, Ali Buraiki
12.15 Cultural Film
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
2.00 Songs and Music
2.35 Araq Daliya: Arabic series
3.35 Heidi: cartoon serial
4.15 Fursah Al Hayat: Arabic series, starring Bahjat Al Jabouri, Laila Mohammad, Awatif Ibrahim
5.20 Bahrain Folklore: live broadcast
6.00 Documentary
7.00 Noor Al Islam: prepared and presented by Ahmad Abdul Qadir
7.30 Nazrat Al Alam: 8.30 Hamat Al Watan
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Al Sakiah Tadawar:



Ali pretends to take hostages in tonight's episode, KTV 2.

daily serial
10.50 Duniya Madhak Mubki: "Abu Saifi". Starring: Mohammad Heer Haway, Huda Sharawi, Najah Hafiz, Ali Al Rus.
12.00 News Summary
12.05 World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran, Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Duck Tales: cartoon
6.30 Sam's Luck: Sam's parents, who are travelling, leave him in charge of the family.
7.00 World of Survival: "Do Not Disturb": A look at wild life in Seychelles.
7.30 Ali: "Someone to Watch Over Me": In part 2 Ali pretends to take hostages.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Simon and Simon: featuring Jameson Parker and Gerald McRaney as the detective duo.
9.30 Beyond 2000: a look at the products of modern technology.
10.30 TV Movie: "International Airport": News Summary.
11.30 Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Baghdad Pharmacy
Abdullah Al Salem St.
Al Amal Pharmacy
Commercial Market, Mubarak Al Kabir St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Qatani Pharmacy
Beirut St., Hawalli
Salamiya and Rumethiya
Al Samah Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak St.
Fahad and Ahmadi
Bastoor Pharmacy
Qais Al Ghanem Bldg., Dabbous St., Fheel
New Khaitan
Tasamah Pharmacy
New Khaitan
Jahra
Al Khalid Pharmacy
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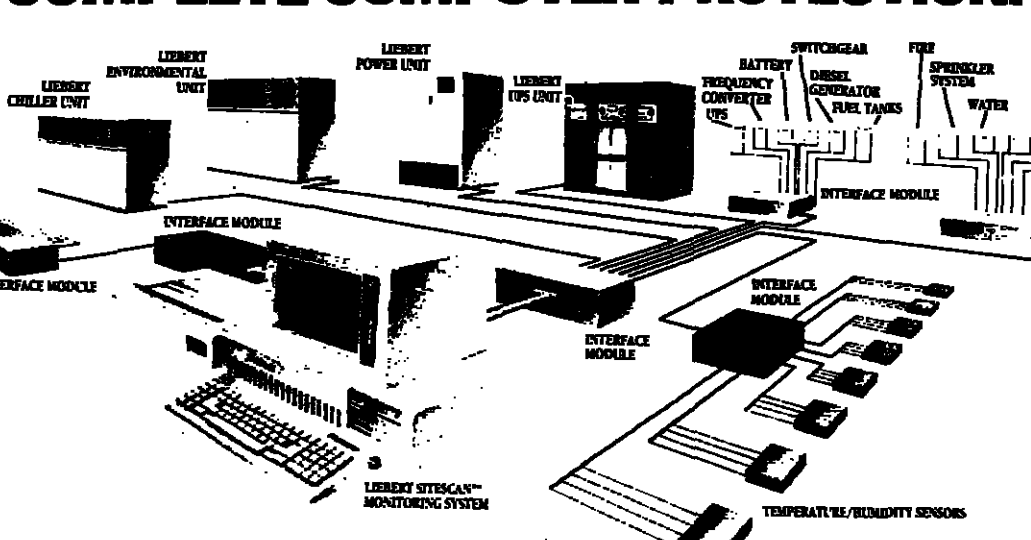
CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Deadly Friend
Starring: Christi Swanson
Al Salamiya
Action Jackson
Starring: Carol Wades
Al Hamra
Darb Al Jad'an (Arabic)
Starring: Imaan, Yusuf Shaban
Drive-in
Al Police Al Nisai (Arabic)
Starring: Ilham Shahin, Hala Sudqi, Dalal Abdulaziz
Al Firdous
Shor (Hindi)
Starring: Manoj Kumar, Jaya Bhaduri
Fahad Open-Air
Kabhi Kabhi (Hindi)
Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Raakhee
Al Fahadheel
Ann Kiliyude Tharattu (Malayalam)

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KTV 1 weekly highlights

last episode of Arabic play
4.15 The Saint English serial featuring Roger Moore.
10.00 Li Oussal Alkhira: Arabic feature film, starring Maali Zayed, Yahya Fakhrani, Tahya Karioka. Romance.
FRIDAY
10.15 Al Kmmz Al Mafkoud:

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0600 Newslight
30 Meridian
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 From the Weeklies
45 Network UK
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 A Jolly Good Show
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sport
45 Personal View (ex 17h and 24h Sportsworld)
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 People and Politics
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 Europe's World
45 Business Matters
0400 Newslight
30 Her's Humph (ex 17h and 24h Sportsworld)
45 Reflections
30 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Personal View
45 The World Today

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Behetrem Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Jaizah
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Dhanak
2100 Closedown



Drama, action and aspiring record breakers are featured on the Spectacular World of Guinness Records, 10 pm on Fridays.

SUNDAY

4.15 Shahtan Min Asak: Arabic feature film, starring Hussein Fahmi, Libliba, Sayeed Ziyen, Zahrat Al Ula.
10.30 Ma's Al Musiqar: "With a Musician": Features Ahmad Sudqi. Prepared and presented by Najwa Azzam.

MONDAY

4.15 Football: replay of Kuwait vs Iran football match played during the 1980 Asia Games.
7.50 Quran and Science: "Alam Al Nabat": Part 6, hosted by Dr Ahmad Shawkid Ibrahim.
10.50 Adam Wa Hawa: Arabic feature film, starring Hussein Sudqi, Laila Murad, Ismael Yaseen, Mary Muneeb. Family drama.

TUESDAY

4.15 Sawwaq Taxi: Arabic play. Starring: Abdul Munim Madbouli, Samiya Al Uli, Ahmad Ratab, Widad Hamdi. The story of a taxi driver who finds a bag full of money.
7.05 Wajoh Wa Ahdath: Faces and Events, a weekly programme presented by Adel Malek.
10.45 Variety Show: Arab actress Amina Rizk will be featured on the show. Excerpts from her films will also be shown.

WEDNESDAY

4.15 English Feature Film, starring Joseph Keaton.
10.50 Hikayat Min Al Badiya: "Al Nauf": Starring: Mijad Awad, Hassan Ibrahim, Ashraf Abaza.

THURSDAY

2.15 Al Hanaan Bain Yadaib:

EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

SOAP and education are not as sudden as a massacre, but they are more deadly in the long run — Mark Twain, US writer (1835-1910).

Two Americas of Bush and Dukakis

By Bernd Debusmann

HOUSTON, Texas, (Reuters): To hear George Bush and Michael Dukakis tell it, there are two Americas: One enjoys unprecedented prosperity, the other is an indebted nation grappling with cruel poverty and economic injustice.

In the campaign for the November presidential elections, both the Republican and Democratic candidates are placing emphasis on the economy. Their starkly different versions of economic reality are backed by different sets of statistics.

According to Vice-President Bush, almost eight years of Reagan administration have given the United States the longest peace-time expansion in history, with more than 16 million new jobs and an "American miracle" of booming small-scale enterprises.

According to Dukakis, the policies Bush wants to continue have resulted in an economy characterised by prosperity on the two coasts and plant closings and layoffs in the industrial heartland. Dukakis also says the country faces a major crisis and that health programmes are inadequate.

Issues

The candidate whose vision seems most persuasive will have a head start in the Nov 3 elections, political analysts say, because bread-and-butter issues tend to interest voters more than defence or foreign affairs.

In both campaign camps, aides to the candidates say they are placing top priority on the economy.

At Republican Party "leadership meetings," local party supporters are being briefed on the tactics of winning wavering voters to the Republican side. Bush's promise not to raise taxes, repeated in speech after speech, tops the battery of arguments the party faithful are told to use.

Democratic campaign strategists say they intend to exploit to the fullest what they see as a growing sense of unease over the economic future.

They are hammering at the theme that there is something wrong with policies that turned

the United States from a lender to the world's most indebted country, where interest payments take up about 17 per cent of the national budget.

Borrowing

Democratic critics quote Reagan's inaugural address in January, 1981 and turn it against his administration: "You and I, as individuals, can, by borrowing, live beyond our means but only for a limited period. Why should we think that as a nation we are not bound by the same limitations?"

The Democratic Party platform, borrowing a phrase used by Bush to deride Reagan's economic policies in their 1980 battle for the Republican presidential nomination, blasted Reagan's "woodoo economics."

"The time has come for America to take charge once again of its economic future, to reverse seven years of 'woodoo economics,' 'trickle down' policies, fiscal irresponsibility and economic violence against poor and working people," the document says.

"Reaganomics" prescribed tax incentives for the wealthy to spur the economy and allow affluence at the top to "trickle down" to the bottom.

Argue

While experts argue over the overall results of Reaganomics since 1981, it needs no special expertise to see that money failed to trickle down to the least privileged of American society. Urban slums often stand side by side with the most glittering symbols of affluence.

Houston, Bush's base for four days of campaigning in Texas, is a case in point. The fourth ward, a sprawl of clapboard houses which make up one of the city's most depressed areas, is literally a stone's throw from the gleaming, futuristic skyscrapers of the city centre.

"Good times under Reagan?" said Wilson Washington, a client at a small grocery, "man, we've had grief here, only grief."

In New Orleans, where the Republicans adopted a platform that painted a glowing picture of economic achievement, the contrast between the two Americas was even sharper.

Pinochet is still combative

By Kevin Noblet

SANTIAGO, Chile, (AP): Shrewd, combative and firmly in command of his Army, President Gen. Augusto Pinochet is implacable with critics and tireless in what he sees as a mission from God to reconstruct a new, communist-proof society.

Absent, a weight-lifter and proud of his boxer's physique at age 72, he has successfully resisted the regional trend toward elected civilian rule. He defends his right-wing authoritarian tutelage as a bulwark against Marxism.

Pinochet took power in a bloody 1973 military coup that toppled the elected government of Marxist President Salvador Allende. The takeover was widely supported because of chronic social unrest and economic chaos, but few expected him to remain ruler for more than a few years before handing power back to civilians.

Instead, Pinochet immediately banned all political activity and quickly moved to purge the nation of tens of thousands of leftists. Most were expelled, but hundreds were imprisoned and scores were tortured and executed, according to human rights groups.

Outmanoeuvred

He also adeptly outmanoeuvred the commanders of the Navy, Air Force and National Police, who were initially supposed to alternate with him as the country's ruler. Using the muscle of the Prussian-style Army, by far the most powerful military branch, he emerged as the sole and undisputed national leader.

He consistently has resorted to military tactics of surprise and force in directing the country, and proudly states that his character was formed in the Army.

Born Nov 25, 1915, in the port city of Valparaiso, Pinochet was one of three children of a customs official. Ignoring parental pleas to study medicine, he entered the military academy after twice

being rejected as too young or physically weak.

In the Army he filled out to a solid 185 pounds (84 kilograms) and earned a university degree. According to a 1980 autobiography, he first became aware of an international Marxist threat while commanding a camp for communist prisoners in 1948 and later lectured on the dangers of communism while teaching at the National War College.

Loyal

However, when Allende became president, Pinochet remained outwardly loyal and was named Army commander in August 1973, less than a month before the coup. Some other participants in the takeover later said he joined the conspiracy opportunistically at the last minute.

The harsh political repression that followed the coup earned Pinochet an international image as a brutish dictator. It was aggravated by the assassination abroad of critics in exile, including Orlando Letelier, who was blown up in 1976 along with a US assistant in Washington DC. Pinochet denounced foreign criticism as interference in his country's internal affairs.

He announced plans to reshape Chilean society and construct durable safeguards against communism. A constitution drawn up by his administration and approved in a 1980 referendum bans all ideologies based on class struggle. It also included a phased return of democracy while making Pinochet president until 1989, and offering an additional eight years as leader if he wins a late 1988 referendum.

Free-market

He launched a radically free-market economic programme that, coupled with heavy foreign borrowing and an over-valued peso, produced an economic near-collapse and unprecedented unemployment in the early 1980s.

That sparked a wave of massive anti-government protests that threatened to topple his government.

Independence from East bloc wrought great changes in Yugoslavia

Relations between workers and state strained

By Eric Bourne

VIENNA: Much has changed in communist Yugoslavia since the first-ever strike there in January, 1958.

Independence from the East bloc wrought great changes. Yet, 30 years later, despite all social engineering, some things remain unchanged — most notably, the strained relations between workers and the communist state.

The miners of Trbovlje in western Yugoslavia launched their '58 strike in exasperation after months of getting only 75 per cent of their wages.

Labour disputes, in Marxist theory, could not arise in a "workers' state." But in Trbovlje, the Yugoslavs began disproving this thesis, and have been doing so repeatedly ever since.

Nevertheless, the unions remained the government's rubber stamp, and the authorities

went on denying a "right to strike."

Yugoslavia had 1,500 strikes in 1987. Recent developments suggest there will be even more this year, as the federal government struggles to carry through a severely austere but essential economic reform.

What touched off most of the 1987 strikes were demands for pay hikes to match new market-oriented prices. But the root cause remains the old Trbovlje grievance — workers for several years have not been receiving full pay-packets, often as much as 30 per cent short or a month "docked" altogether.

Confrontations

Contemplating recent angry confrontations outside Belgrade's parliament and looking back on that similar scene of '58, it seems as if baffled officials are still trying to fob the workers off with assurances that all will be well if only they will be patient.

A chaotic situation seems

doomed to continue until either the government or the workers' supposed representatives, the unions, can carry the kind of credibility with which unrest might be defused.

Rarely before have the weaknesses of Soviet communism's rubber-stamp unions been so sharply exposed.

Trade union reform is now officially part of Gorbachev's "restructuring" in the Soviet Union. But of the East Europeans, only Hungary is promising some definitive movement in this direction.

Following martial law, Warsaw did stick to a commitment for a workers' self-management system devised during the brief Solidarity era. Workers' councils were, in fact, set up in some 7,000 companies.

But subsequently, the authorities intervened whenever the councils acted like trade unions. Given the same impasse between reform and worker objections to

austerity, the Polish solution was no more effective than self-management in Yugoslavia.

Economic reform in Poland has repeatedly foundered, not on its merits, but because of the mutual intransigence of Solidarity, which often rejects whatever the government proposes, and the government, which rejects even minimal ideas of union independence.

Hungary is contriving to avoid such pointless confrontational conflict. Two years ago unrest threatened when loss-making coal mines were phased out. But the government has since slowly but surely got its message of economic necessity across to the extent that there now is growing acceptance of the inevitable.

The "inevitable" already includes unemployment. And, also without precedent in East bloc, negotiation on employment conditions — agreement on the mobility of labour, with financial safeguards

for laid-off workers while they seek jobs in other industries or regions. The old "egalitarianism" is out. Pay differentials for better work performance are in.

Hungary, in short, is moving rapidly towards sophisticated, Western-style labour relationships which, in turn, must change the concept of communist trade unionism. It is now, for example, frankly admitted that its unions were never effectively involved in the real business of labour relations.

Cleanout

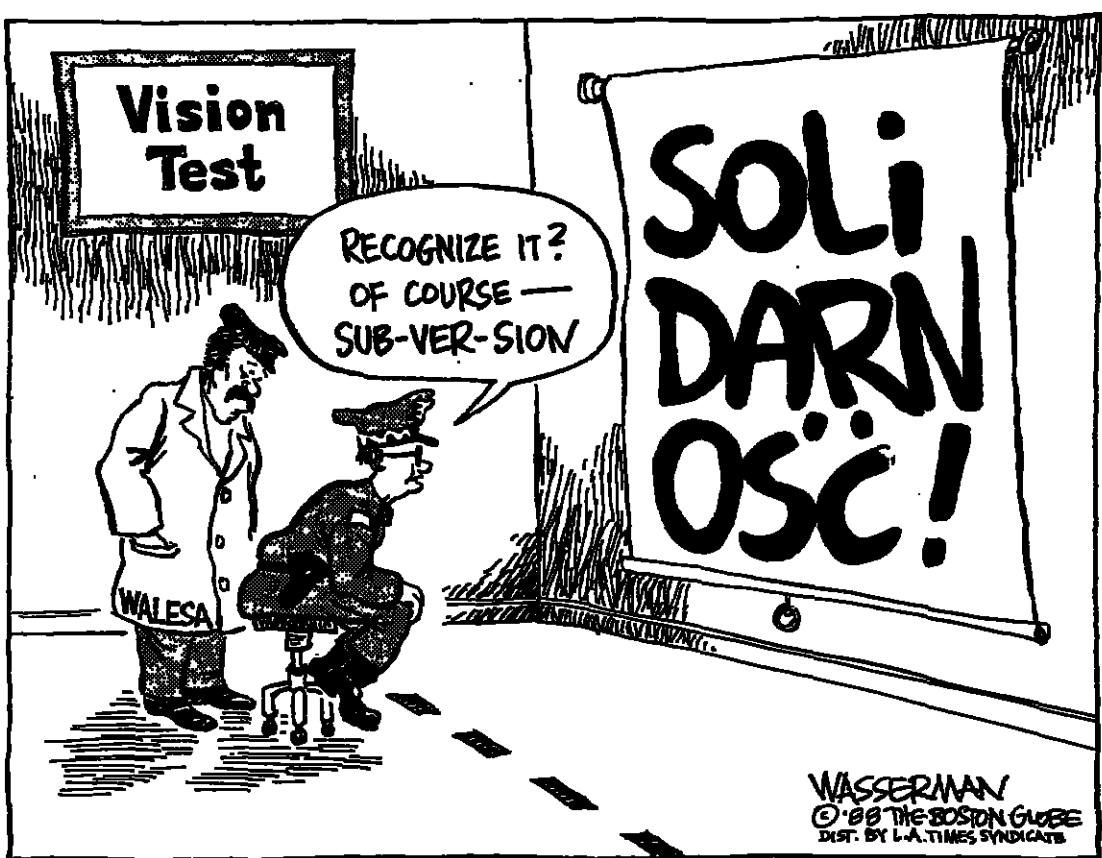
The political cleanout of "old guard" party leadership in May also brought in a new union chief, a man potentially independent of party control since (unlike his predecessor) he is not a member of the Politburo. This new general secretary, moreover, is to have standing authority to attend cabinet sessions and present worker concerns.

The atmosphere in Hungary is now so generally conducive to

political change it is unlikely the unions can — or will — be left out of the picture. They will be covered by a general "right of (free) association" to be legislated later this year. Another bill would legitimise all traditional union activities, including a "last resort" right to strike. Reformers believe this will exclude the acute politicisation of even trivial labour issues so often experienced in Poland.

The Hungarian media these days are chock-full of free-wheeling debate about "socialist pluralism" and new political institutions to replace the monopolistic power system the communists have operated for 40 years.

The new leader, Karoly Grosz, has just said that a plural multiparty system cannot appear overnight. Quite. But, meanwhile, Hungary may be creating a new labour system which, can take a big step along that road. The Christian Science Monitor News Service.



Walesa back in the limelight

WARSAW, (Reuters): Lech Walesa, consigned to obscurity by Poland's communist rulers when they crushed Solidarity, waited seven long years before he and the three trade union re-emerged as key players in Poland's future.

In an irony of history, Walesa had talks on Wednesday on Poland's problems with General Czeslaw Kiszczak, the interior minister who in December 1981 signed the order for his internment under martial law.

In a further twist of fate, the talks came on the eighth anniversary of the historic Gdansk accords that set up Solidarity as the first free trade union in communist-ruled Eastern Europe.

The pact, signed by Walesa and the government on August 31, 1980, was broken by Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski when he outlawed Solidarity 15 months later.

Before economic mismanagement and strikes this year weakened Jaruzelski's government, Walesa and the union at times appeared almost spent forces.

Scorned

Freed in November 1982 after 11 months' internment, Walesa was scorned by the authorities. Contemptuous officials dismissed him as the former leader of a non-existent organisation.

But the stocky, walrus-moustached electrician never gave up campaigning for the return of trade union freedom, national reconciliation between his countrymen and their rulers and sweeping changes in the communist system.

A devout Catholic opposed to violence, he always retained the

unobtrusive support of Poland's powerful Roman Catholic Church hierarchy. Western officials visiting Poland seldom failed to call on him.

The first Pole or industrial worker to win the Nobel Peace Prize, in 1983, Walesa personified for millions of Poles and people abroad the struggle for freedom in his homeland.

Despite Solidarity's suppression, he challenged the government to open a dialogue with the banned union and to sweep aside the Poland's rigid, inefficient economic apparatus.

Jaruzelski's government finally agreed to meet Walesa amid the worst strike wave in seven years as it sought to head off further unrest and bring the opposition into a coalition backing crucial economic reforms.

Legislation

Walesa, in turn, proclaimed political, social and union pluralism as the key to restoring Poland to health. He appeared more interested in demanding legislation of Solidarity than reforming communism.

"The whole system is finished," he told Reuters in March 1988 as Jaruzelski's troubles piled up. "This society has had it up to here and demands that something be done."

The real problem of Eastern Europe was not how to reform communism but "how to get out of this abnormal system that leads to absurdity, and move towards normality," he declared.

When strikes erupted in April 1988 for the first time since the early 1980s, Walesa threw his weight fully behind them.

As in August 1980, he joined strikers at the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk and added his powerful voice to the demands for change

and Solidarity's recognition. He charged the government with economic incompetence and said a decisive workers' protest was the only way to force the government to change the system.

"They made us the beggars of Europe and the world," he told the strikers in a stinging criticism of Jaruzelski's rule.

Beggars

"How ashamed I am, how ashamed to say that Poland today is begging around (for foreign credits) and they are only throwing us a few pennies."

The country faced bloodshed if the government and opposition failed to get together to push through reforms, he warned.

"If we don't make reforms peacefully together with the nation, we are threatened with a revolution, and a bloody one."

As the two-week strike wave collapsed a few days later amid lack of popular support, Walesa led the shipyard strikers out under Solidarity banners, saying the strike had been premature but they would fight again for union freedom another day.

Within three months, in August, Walesa and the men were back in the strike-bound yard amid new labour unrest. This time the Solidarity leader said strikes would go on until authorities indicated a readiness to discuss the union's recognition.

Soon afterwards, the long-awaited call came from Warsaw. Poland's communist military rulers, who tried to obliterate Walesa and Solidarity from the life of their country in 1981, wanted to talk with them again amid a mounting crisis in 1988.

Diplomatic successes for UN

UNITED NATIONS, (Reuters): The United Nations has scored major diplomatic successes in helping to resolve the problems of Afghanistan, the Iran-Iraq war, Namibia and, now, Western Sahara.

A summary of those initiatives follows.

AFGHANISTAN: On April 14, after more than six years of negotiations under UN auspices, accords were signed in Geneva by Afghanistan and Pakistan, and guaranteed by the Soviet Union and the United States, providing for the withdrawal of all the approximately 100,000 Soviet troops from Afghanistan by Feb 15, 1989. The UN has since confirmed that half the Soviet forces were withdrawn by an Aug 15 deadline.

GULF: On Aug 8, more than a

year after the Security Council adopted a ceasefire resolution and after two weeks of talks at the United Nations, Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced a ceasefire in the eight-year-long Iran-Iraq war would go into effect on Aug 20. On Aug 25 the two countries' foreign ministers opened direct negotiations in Geneva aimed at resolving all outstanding differences.

ANGOLA: On Aug 8 Angola, Cuba, South Africa and the United States announced they had reached agreement in Geneva on a Nov 1 date for launching a 1978 UN independence plan for South African-ruled Namibia. They also undertook to reach agreement by Sept 1 on the withdrawal of some 50,000 Cuban troops from neighbouring Angola. They failed to agree

on a withdrawal timetable during talks last week in Brazzaville, Congo, but scheduled another round shortly. The Geneva meeting climaxed negotiations under United States auspices that began last May and included talks in London, Cairo and New York.

SAHARA: On Aug 30 representatives of Morocco and the Polisario Front, meeting separately in Geneva with Perez de Cuellar, tentatively accepted proposals he gave them in New York on Aug 11 for a ceasefire and referendum in Western Sahara. Moroccan rule over the phosphate-rich territory, evacuated by Spain in 1976, has been contested by Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas whose 12-year-old Saharan Arab Democratic Republic is recognised by 70 countries.

Reforms fail to rescue Soviets from starchy diet, food forays

By Carol J. Williams

MOSCOW, (AP): Muscovites call them "the visitors," and they are said to number more than 1 million on any given day.

They are the hordes of peasant women who pour off morning trains and special buses with empty satchels and long lists of groceries they hope to take back to their families in the provinces.

They are testimony to what is euphemistically referred to as "the food situation," a chain of shortage, inequity and waste that keeps most Soviets on a diet dominated by bread and potatoes.

The average Soviet eats two-thirds of a pound (300 grams) of potatoes each day and 13 ounces (360 grams) of bread, according to government figures.

In reality, the diet of rural Soviets is even more dependent on starches than the figures suggest. Much of the Soviet Union's meat and fresh fruit is sent to special stores that cater to officials, big trade unions and foreigners, leaving little but fatty sausage behind for sale outside major cities.

Shortage

The best supplies of most things are to be found in Moscow, but living in the capital guarantees little.

"It's not correct to say that there is a shortage of meat now."

There is a virtual absence of meat," complained Vera Kudryavtseva, a 42-year-old wife and mother from Moscow. "Sometimes you get lucky and run into a line for meat on your way home from work. But if you

go out looking for it, you can't find it anywhere."

She and Soviet homemakers across the country contend that it is harder now than a decade ago to put a decent meal on the table. The daily newspaper Selskaya Zhizn said in August that rural Soviets now eat less meat, eggs, potatoes and fruit than they did five years ago.

That's a serious problem for Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, who has said that improved living conditions will be a major measure of his programme to reform the Soviet economy.

Lagging farm output and a generally inadequate diet can largely be blamed on a series of factors that started with collectivization, the brutal drive by dictator Josef Stalin in 1929 to abolish private farming and force peasants into large, organized co-operative and state farms.

In more recent years, there has been insufficient investment in agriculture, including investment in the kinds of products and services that could make inspire people to remain in the countryside and be productive.

What people call the "best" worsening of food availability can also be attributed to byproducts of reforms by Gorbachev.

Soviet consumers have been hoarding some foods in fear that major price increases are coming. And a switch in management and planning approaches to encourage more local autonomy has in some areas created confusion and slowed output.

The shortages may also be more apparent now because glas-

nost, Gorbachev's policy of greater openness about social problems, has turned its spotlight on the problems.

As part of his reforms, Gorbachev has been trying to add incentives and install personal pride in Soviet farming by allowing families and co-operative brigades to lease land for smaller-scale operations.

Calling for broader use of leasing and family farming, he contended in a speech to the party leadership in late July that there is nothing non-socialist in this.

Resentment

But media reports have exposed the resentment some Soviets have for those who are successful.

The newspaper Moscow News reported last month that three fires destroyed a prosperous pig farm in the village of Salytkovka about 20 miles (30 kms) from central Moscow, and that arson was suspected because of the fears of local residents that the farm posed an environmental and ideological threat.

Inadequate storage and transport and a mass exodus of young Soviets from rural areas have also slowed progress in food production and distribution.

One-third of the grain crop still is lost between harvest and milling, according to US government estimates. Gorbachev said in March that at least one-quarter of the harvest is lost each year.

This year's biggest problem is likely to be a potato shortage. As happened last year, the crop was good but heavy rains at harvest time exposed potatoes to too much moisture. Many will rot in storage or transit.

Bastille bicentennial next year

Time for big celebrations

By Charles Campbell

PARIS, (AP): The French Revolution's bicentennial is coming up next year, and fireworks, historical squabbles, commemorative underwear and miniature guillotines will be part of the show.

The festivities will peak July 14, the 200th anniversary of the storming of the Bastille prison in 1789, the most memorable event of the long and turbulent revolutionary years.

Even in a normal year, Bastille Day is a time for big celebrations, including dancing, fireworks and a procession of military hardware on the Champs-Elysees.

But organizers are working frantically to make next year's events unforgettable.

They admit to being far behind schedule, partly because both the first man chosen to head the bicentennial mission, businessman Michael Baroin, and his successor, centrist politician Edgar Faure, died shortly after taking office, leaving the agency leaderless until last May.

Plans

Jean-Noel Jeanneney, the new president of the bicentennial operation, told reporters recently after meeting with President Francois Mitterrand that he hoped to have his plans spelled out by the end of September.

"When you have less time to do things, you do them in less time," Jeanneney said. "Many great events that went down in history were prepared in extreme haste."

The planning also got hung up in political feuding during the past two years, when the conservative government of Jacques Chirac was jousting with Mitterrand, a Socialist.

After Mitterrand's re-election in May and the installation of Socialist Michael Rocard as premier, the project's budget was nearly tripled, to 128 million

francs (about \$20 million).

Chirac, who remains involved in the bicentennial as mayor of Paris, recently said he had the feeling the socialists "want to profit from this commemoration by emphasizing certain historical aspects in the presentation, to the detriment of the consensus that Michael Baroin and Edgar Faure were promoting."

Divisions

The French Revolution has been a focus for political divisions ever since it began, and the approach of the bicentennial has renewed the debate over what, exactly, is being celebrated.

There are many variations. But in broad terms, French rightists are likely to say they approve of the abolition of the nobility's

privileges in 1789 and the establishment of the republic in 1792, but are appalled by the mass executions of the terror in 1793-84.

Some French leftists argue that people should take the revolution as an undivided whole — and be for it or against it. They suggest that rightists picking and choosing among elements of the revolution are closet counter-revolutionaries.

"It's surprising that, two centuries later, the founding act of the republic remains a propaganda tool and a source of partisan quarrels and polemics, but it's also a consequence of the revolutionary heritage itself," the independent daily Le Monde wrote in a front-page article summing up the squabbles.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1497 — Manuel, King of Spain, marries Isabella of Spain.
- 1603 — France's King Henry IV permits Roman Catholic Jesuits to return to France despite opposition.
- 1758 — Revolution in Portugal, led by Marquis of Tavora and his wife, who wound King Joseph but subsequently are arrested.
- 1759 — Expulsion of Roman Catholic Jesuits begins in Portugal.
- 1783 — Britain, France, Spain and United States sign Peace of Versailles, officially ending Revolutionary War.
- 1791 — French constitution is passed by National Assembly, making France a constitutional monarchy.
- 1879 — Afghanistan troops massacre British legation at Kabul.
- 1913 — City of Nanking falls to Chinese Revolutionary Forces under Yuan Shih-Kai.
- 1939 — Britain and France declare war on Germany; Winston Churchill becomes first Lord of Admiralty in Britain; Germans sink "Athenia" off Ireland.
- 1943 — Allied forces invade Italy in World War II.
- 1945 — Singapore is returned to British control after being occupied by Japanese since 1942.
- 1962 — Katanga government accepts UN Secretary-General U Thant's plan for Congolese reunification.
- 1973 — Cholera outbreak in Italy spreads.
- 1976 — US Viking II spacecraft lands on Mars.
- 1986 — South Africa's government reimposes order prohibiting journalists from reporting actions of security forces.
- 1987 — Largest Muslim rebel group in Philippines declares support for military mutineers.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

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Exploring the internal world of women

Speaking up for the silent ones

John Cunningham

ONE day last year, a middle-aged woman, frail as a sparrow, made her way through the morning hubbub of Bangalore to the offices of the British Council.

Any Indian driven by a sense of injustice, however bizarre the grievance, has a tenacity which those who encounter it either fear or marvel. Not that the staff in the library there needed to worry about an anti-British outburst from Mrs Shashi Deshpande, as she leafed through that controversial book, the Writers And Artists Yearbook.

Her mission was to prove publishers wrong. Not houses like Longman and Macmillan whose textbooks, in the old colonial days, she used at school.

But Indian firms who, having brought out four of her novels without much effort to promote them, were lukewarm about her latest manuscript.

Deshpande has a degree in economics from Bombay, and another in law from Bangalore. But her great pride is her recently awarded MA in Eng. Lit. So she reasoned that if Indian publishers and readers hesitated, then the literary mainstream of London should be the judge of her new novel.

She had gone through almost all the entries in the Yearbook before she came to what she was looking for under V.

It seemed to Deshpande that the feminist imprint, Virago, might at least read the manuscript. They did and soon Deshpande found herself sitting in the firm's office in Covent Garden, while piles of her book *The Long Silence* were being dispatched to booksellers. "It is the dream of every Indian writer to be published in London," she said, proud as a peacock.

From a crowded and noisy society, Deshpande carves out



Shashi Deshpande: you learn a lot of tricks to get by in a relationship—silence is one of them

an area of quiet. A middle-aged, middle-class woman with grown-up children and an apparently successful marriage, is forced to reflect on the compromises she has had to make to keep going when her husband is suspected of malpractice by his firm.

India is a massively complex society; everything happens to women and it is the internal world of women, enduring their lot, macho marriages, that Deshpande is monitoring. "I feel that a lot of what I write about has not been said in Indian novels." The theme of lack of communication may be over familiar in Western fiction, but in extrovert India, it is

not much analysed. "You learn a lot of tricks to get by in a relationship—silence is one of them," she says. There is a great feeling of shared solace among Indian women who are close friends; but even between them, there are subjects which are not discussed, and the silences are always purposeful. "You never find a woman criticising her husband, even playfully, in case it might damage the relationship," she says.

She comes from a privileged background. She has status, a brahmin; she has modest wealth, her husband is a pathologist, and the old taboos about not educating girls did

not apply to her; her father was a distinguished dramatist and Sanskrit scholar. That sounds a restricted point from which to write, given the variety of Indian society, but Deshpande says she knows how women feel; and she knows the mood of India.

"Indian society has changed so much in the last 40 years. People had a sense of idealism at the time of independence; there was a sense of wanting to build up the country and moral values which lasted for 20 years after that," she says. "But now things have changed. We're a consumer society. I wanted to bring out more about the changes in my book, but I became more fascinated with the character of Jaya, the wife at the centre of the novel."

Deshpande says her book isn't autobiographical, but there are hints that she has shared some of the frustrations of Jaya, who happens to be a failed writer.

She wasn't actively encouraged to write by her own father; and it wasn't until a stay in London—her husband was here for a year—almost 20 years ago that she started writing, as a release from television and her young children.

The late start she could live with; the fact that having several novels published didn't lead to wider recognition has piqued her. Her first books sold only between 2,000 and 3,000 copies. Maybe Indian publishers feel she belongs neither to the mass romantic market, for which India has a huge appetite, nor to the literary elite. She herself acknowledges this: "I don't belong anywhere. Not to the universities, not to the literary set." Maybe she will bounce into both when copies of her new book are shipped to India by Virago.

The Long Silence is published by Virago, price £4.50.

Making an art of self-destruction

By David Hughes

TRUMAN CAPOTE, who died in Los Angeles of drink and despair four years ago this week, once claimed that "the only one who can destroy a strong and talented writer is himself."

And this 600-page tissue of gossip and analysis gives a riveting account of how the self-made Capote—with a little help from his success—turned self-destruction into a work of art.

He was helped by his parents, too. His Alabama upbringing was a tug-of-war. His promiscuous mother taught him to booze, his feckless father to betray. Together, or rather apart, they set the themes of his work. Loneliness, disappointment, the corruption of innocence.

A prodigy in early prime, this tiny, clever-eyed fuck took New York by storm.

Everyone dined off Breakfast at Tiffany's. Names dropped into his life like bouquets: Cecil Beaton, Gloria Vanderbilt, Noel Coward. Society ladies mothered him. Tycoons yachted him to social eminence.

Though only searching for the love he never had (or got), Capote always brought the house down. Crudely asked by

a macho student at a public lecture: "Are you a homosexual?" Truman paused. "Is that a proposition?" he said.

The zenith of his pyrotechnic career was *In Cold Blood* (1966), the painful, all-American story of two disappointed youths who slaughtered an innocent family in their Midwest farmhouse. Capote saw this "faction" as his passport to world fame.

He made friends with the Death Row pair, identified with their lonely delinquency.

But when stays of execution delayed his last chapter for five years, the spiteful Capote plunged into a tantrum of childish camp.

To celebrate the book's end, he hired the Plaza ballroom to give a ball masque to the Who's Who of the World from Irving (and Isaias) Berlin to the daughters of Roosevelt and Johnson.

Zest

With manipulative zest, Capote turned 300 glittering guests into his own fiction. A masterpiece of bad taste designed by Beaton, it was all gone. After offending most of his top-notch friends in a short story as wicked as a gossip column, Capote's last drugged years were spent in disillusion



Truman Capote: his last drugged years were spent in disillusion and solitude

and solitude. Amid wholesale praise for *In Cold Blood*, Kenneth Tynan's lone voice had cut the touchy Capote to the quick.

"The blood in which this book is written," he wrote, "is as cold as any in recent literature."

Ironically, perhaps, that Capote's last words, recorded by Gerald Clarke in a monumental tribute to his fairy-tale life, were: "I'm cold." Capote by Gerald Clarke published by Hamish Hamilton (£16.95)

Treasure trove of Dickensian memorabilia

By Allison Lockwood

LONDON: For students of English literature, a visit to the Dickens House at 48 Doughty Street in Bloomsbury ranks high on the list of places to see in London.

The only one of the writer's 22 London residences to survive intact, this three-storey, pink-brick terrace house is a treasure-trove of memorabilia, including his handwritten manuscripts, first editions in their original paper-wrapped installments, personal correspondence, pictures, family belongings, and furniture.

Over 30,000 visitors each year sign their names in the guest book. They come from every country in Europe, from the United States, and such far-away places as India, Australia, Malaysia, Brazil, and Nigeria.

In the spring of 1837, the ambitious 25-year-old Charles Dickens signed a lease on the house where he would live three of the most important years of his life. Within its walls, he completed his "Pickwick Papers" and wrote his first two great novels, "Oliver Twist" and "Nicholas Nickleby."

For the young author, his wife, Kate, and newborn son, Charles, their move to Doughty Street was a step up in the world. It was an act of genteel, private enclave boasting a gatekeeper's lodge at each end, manned by a porter in a gold-trimmed, mulberry-coloured livery.

The house consisted of 12 rooms plus an attic and a small garden at the rear. Family members also included Dickens's young brother, Fred, and Kate's sister, Mary Hogarth. Their servants were a cook, nurse, housemaid, and manservant. This comfortable

domestic setting enabled Dickens to work long hours at his lonely craft.

Visitors to the Dickens House today enter a front hall whose walls are lined with a rare collection of watercolours of Dickens's leading characters. Here also is the large wooden clock about which Dickens wrote his memorable letter pointing out a botched cleaning job. "After enduring internal agonies of a most distressing nature, it has now ceased striking altogether. Though a happy release for the clock, this is not convenient to the household."

To the left of the hall is the Dickens's one-time dining room, looking out onto Doughty Street. Next to one wall stands the massive mahogany sideboard bought for this room and used by Dickens the rest of his life.

One can imagine happy, convivial dinners around the wine-red mahogany table that once stood here. Dickens loved plying his friends with good food and endless rounds of punch, especially at Christmas. Around his table sat other young men making their way in the world, among them: John Forster, who was Dickens's future biographer; illustrator George Cruikshank; actor William Macready; poet and essayist Leigh Hunt; artist Daniel Maclise; Judge Thomas Talford, the model for the delightful Tommy Traddles in "David Copperfield"; and at least on one occasion, an as yet unknown William Makepeace Thackeray.

Behind the dining room is the morning room, or informal family parlour, looking out on the garden. Here are blacking bottles of the sort on which the child labourer, Charles Dickens, pasted labels in Warren's Blacking Warehouse. Here,

too, is the battered stand-up desk he used at about age 15 as a lawyer's clerk in Gray's Inn. The youth's cash book for that period reveals his weekly salary of 13 shillings and sixpence.

Proceeding upstairs, the visitor should note the charming little wooden midshipman on the first landing. Once a London landmark, this is described in "Dombey and Son." Farther up is another famous London street sign, a gold-beater's arm and hammer poised over his stone. This used to be seen at No. 2 Manette Street in Soho and is described in "A Tale of Two Cities" in connection with Dr Manette's lodgings.

Of special interest on the second floor is the carefully reconstructed 1839 Dickens drawing room, decorated as closely as possible to the way it looked when Dickens lived here. Family furniture includes the armchair, upholstered in plum-coloured hide, that Dickens used at Fumival's Inn and in this room. Cruikshank sketched the author in this very chair.

To the rear is Dickens's small study with its one window looking down on the garden. For readers this is perhaps the most important room in the house, for here is where "Oliver Twist" and "Nicholas Nickleby" entered the world.

Writing in this room one evening, Dickens learned that his brother-in-law, Henry Burnet, was paying a call.

"What, you here?" he exclaimed. "I'll bring down my work." Seated at a small table in the corner of the morning room with Kate and Henry, he added "little nothings" to their conversation even as his quill raced across the pages.

"It was interesting to watch upon the sly," thought Burnet,

"the mind and muscles working (or... playing) in company... the working brow, the set of the mouth, with the tongue tightly pressed against the closed lips, as was his habit."

Up on the next floor, in what was the author's bedroom, is the splendid Suzanne Collection of Dickens memorabilia. On a preliminary sketch for a "Nicholas Nickleby" illustration, Dickens wrote, "I don't think Smike looks frightened enough." Chilling evidence as to why Smike should look frightened is on display in the small back bedroom that was Mary Hogarth's.

Determined to expose certain inhumane Yorkshire boarding schools where parents interned unwanted sons, Dickens visited that region in 1838 and returned to write "Nicholas Nickleby."

The monstrous Wackford Squeers of Dotheboys Hall was modelled after a William Shaw who ran one of these child-dumps. On display is an advertisement of his in the London Times for July 4, 1829, offering an incredible range of subjects from Greek and Latin to surveying and navigation and all for only 20 guineas a year.

The ad ends ominously, "No vacations except by parents' desire."

One of Shaw's victims was 18-year-old George Ashton Taylor, a letter of whose is available for the reading, dated Dec. 26, 1818. He assures his mother of his love for her and of his health and happiness. Above the letter is the bill sent for his tombstone. After standing at the grave of this youth killed by Shaw's brutality, Dickens wrote: "I think his ghost put Smike into my head upon the spot."

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Keeping alive the art of short story-telling

Julian Symons

THE short story is a form which, whether straightforward like Chekhov's or fantastic like those by Poe, offers something beyond their literal meaning, a resonance that lingers in the mind.

In *Best Short Stories 1988*, Nadine Gordimer's *Spoils* is nominally about a weekend party at a lodge on a private game reserve in South Africa, and the various discontents of those gathered there.

The sound of a lion is heard at a barbecue, a black with a name none of the guests can pronounce drives the guests to

see the lions (in fact four lionesses) and the cub tearing at a killed zebra.

Everybody will be safe if they stay in the car and roll up the windows, the host says, and sure enough they are safe. They even return on the following day to see beetles busy with the flesh the lions have left.

That is the story, apparently slight, impressionistic, glancing from one character to another. Within it Gordimer, the South African writer who stayed home, conveys in a masterly way, without an overtly political word, an atmosphere of elemental savagery and impending violence.

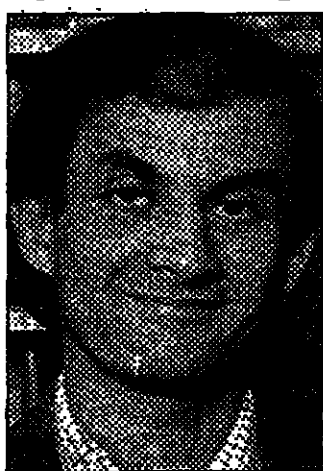
The Gordimer story alone is

worth the money, but there are other good things here, notably Graham Seal's *Stopover*, which describes most plausibly the crack up of an archetypal grey-suited sales director, on his way from Montreal to Vancouver to receive a special award.

What begins with merely a sense of distortion that affects objects and makes wife and children seem strangers, ends in complete collapse and replacement of the grey-suited man by an equally archetypal destroyer.

Elsewhere the most successful of these 20 stories are anecdotal, like Salman Rushdie's tale of a girl whose beauty induces Muhammad Ali, professional cheater of those hoping for entry permits to Britain, to offer her for free a genuine passport worth hundreds of rupees, with a surprising result.

Hanif Kureishi has an outrageous father-and-son sexual entanglement that made me laugh and Georgina Hammick a story that begins with an unpromising Barbara Pym like sentence about Mrs Peverill's weekly skirmishes with the



vicar, but turns into a lively argument about the language of the new Prayer Book and Hymnal. Deborah Moggach's *Horse Sense* is another sexual anecdote about an Indian business man, his neglected English wife and a minicab driver, which has a good surprise ending.

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Radio station plays Elvis 24 hours-a-day

CINCINNATI, Ohio. (Reuters) Fans yearning to rock around the clock with "The King" have been doing just that since a radio station here began playing nothing but Elvis Presley tunes 24 hours a day.

WCVG, a 500-watt AM radio station, made the switch from country-western music to pure Elvis on August 1 and has been all shock up ever since.

"And now, here's Elvis himself," an announcer croons. "The only station in the known universe playing only the King."

Fans have called from Australia. A British television crew flew in. A California man telephoned and asked to be put on hold so he could hear the station. The switchboard is jammed.

"With radio stations you've got to find a niche. We were nowhere in the ratings," said general manager John Stolz.

Stolz said RCA is providing WCVG with all 652 singles and 90 albums it released over the years by Presley, who died 11 years ago last month, on August 16, 1977.

"I used to be 'WCVG-who?' And now it's 'ohm yeah, let's talk,'" said station salesman Mark Goodman.

Advertisement revenues have soared 700 percent. A 60-second commercial spot that used to sell for three or four dollars now goes for \$22 during "drive time" or rush hour.

"I just love Elvis Presley," said listener Kathy Meiser, 34, of Cincinnati. "It's nice hearing his songs all day instead of some of this (heavy rock) you hear."

"My stepfather used to live in Memphis," Meiser continued, her voice growing hushed. "He lived across the street from Graceland (Presley's mansion) and knew Elvis' father and stepmother and was asked to play football with the family."

"I keep him on all the time," said Joanna Miskinin, 42, of Newport, Kentucky, playing WCVG relentlessly even as she talked on the telephone.

Meiser and Miskinin, who recently came to the station to pick up tickets they had won to a WCVG promotion featuring

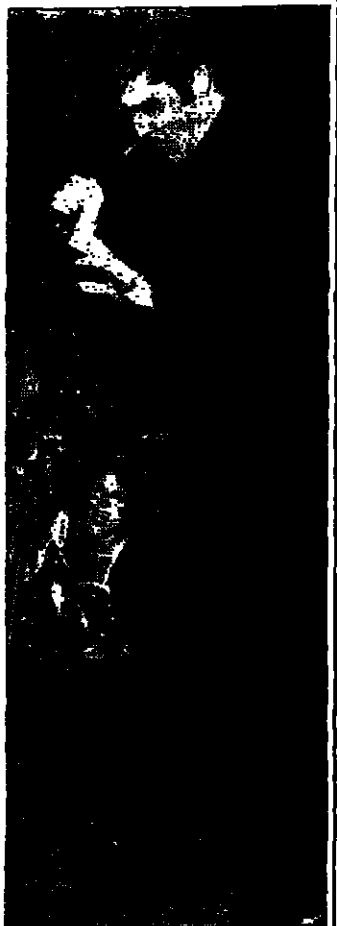
a paddleboat ride with an Elvis impersonator, said the station's popularity was multi-generational.

"My kids (age 10 and 13) and my mom and dad listen to Elvis," said Meiser.

Stolz said the station's future seems bright — a far cry from last February when he first talked about an all-Elvis format with Richard Plessinger, a businessman who owns WCVG.

"I thought the wind would go out of the bag at the end of a week (after the switch to Elvis)," said Plessinger in an interview from Florida, where he lives in a beach cabin.

But as Elvis was once quoted as saying: "People were looking for something different and was lucky I came around at the right time."



Elvis Presley: a whole radio station exclusively for his songs

NEW YORK — "I'm a one-eyed seed of a tumbleweed, in the belly of a rolling stone..." So sang James Taylor more than a decade ago — that sweet-voiced troubadour, wild wanderer through the alternative route of the '60s, spokesman for a generation of gentle rebels.

On his latest album, *Never Die Young*, Taylor sings, "What do I do if my dream comes true?" (from "Baby Boom Baby") — and it seems that his dreams have come true. He and his wife, Kathryn Walker, have been married for 21 1/2 years now, and, unlike the rolling stone of the past, Taylor seems to have reached a satisfying plateau.

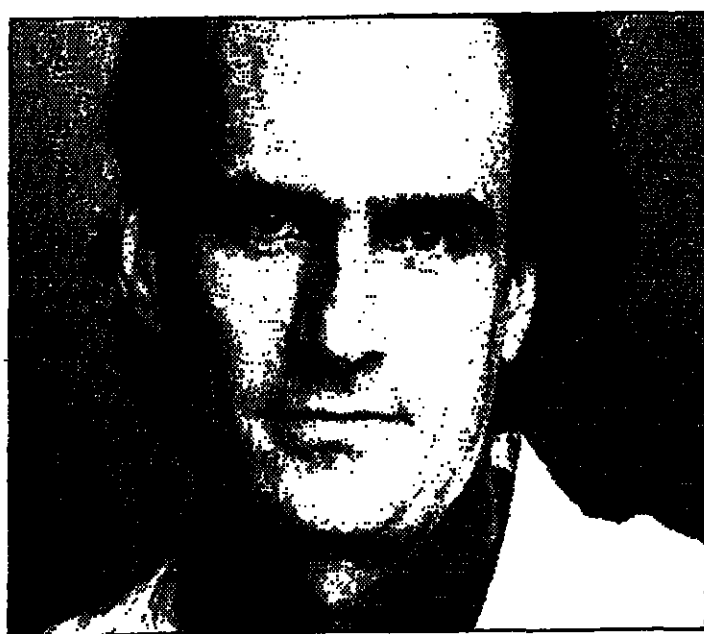
"I feel extremely lucky to have life that's liveable," Taylor said in a recent interview. "At this point it's a very defined thing. I like my life. I'm glad to have it, and I'm glad to be awake for it, too. That hasn't always been the case with me. I'm pretty thankful."

Taylor's 20-year career has produced somewhere between 130 and 140 original songs, including numerous hits like "Fire and Rain," "Sweet Baby James," "How Sweet It Is," "You've Got a Friend," and "Handyman." He has recorded more than a dozen albums, won a Grammy, and had a *Time* magazine cover story written about him.

His recent TV special for the Public Broadcasting Service showed a mature, seasoned artist. It is interesting to note that it's really only the lyrics of Taylor's songs that have changed, as his life experience has changed. Musically, he sounds pretty much the same as he always did — with expected and pleasing turns of melody and harmony that continue to touch a deep chord in his wide-ranging audience.

James Taylor first picked up a guitar when he was a 12-year-old, growing up in North Carolina. The year was 1960, and his parents had bought him a classical guitar for his birthday.

"I couldn't put it down. I just turned away from everything and into the guitar and played all the time," says Taylor, who is entirely self-taught. Before long, he dropped out of boarding school and went to New York to play music. He and a



Taylor: reformed drug addict

James Taylor — rock's gentle rebel

friend, guitarist Danny (Kootch) Kortchmar, formed a band, the Flying Machine, and finally got an extended gig at a little joint called the Night Owl Cafe. After about a year, the band broke up.

Instructive "It was good; it was instructive," says Taylor of that period. "We wrote a lot of the music, we played some jazz-oriented rock and some blues, and the sort of folksy stuff that I was writing, too."

Taylor moved to London in 1967 and recorded an album the following year with Peter Ascher for Apple Records. He was the first "outside" act to be signed to the Beatles label. Over the years, Taylor has recorded for two major record labels and continued to develop his own private vision through his music. Even though many of his songs seem similar on first hearing, each has its own character. How does James Taylor approach his song-writing?

"There are a number of currents that happen in my music. There are some types of song that I write that evolve very slowly; they're sort of glacial. And then there are other ones that represent a wide range of influences, where I'm

influenced by drastically changing things. But they all distill themselves down to my vocal and guitar technique, which is like a lens or filter system, through which they are rendered in many ways the same."

Taylor has occasionally been criticized for being too self-involved, and for not showing enough social awareness in his lyrics. "I'm just not very motivated musically by social issues," he explains. "I actually do feel very strongly about a lot of things, but it doesn't find its way into my work. There may be something wrong with that, but there's nothing I can do about it!" He laughs.

But a song like "A Junkie's Lament" (from Taylor's album *In the Pocket*) touches on what could certainly be called an important social issue, even while it's intensely personal. *Mama don't you call him by name. He can't hear you anymore. Even if he seems the same to you. That's a stranger to your door ... go on.*

Here Taylor is speaking from his own experience, having been a drug addict himself. He's been called a "successful addict," since he was able to keep producing and progress-

ing as an artist, despite the problem. But now that he's been off drugs for about five years, he says, "I can only speculate about how well things might have gone, and how much I might have gotten on with in my life, had I not been basically on hold for 20 years. I think it's a waste of time. I wish there weren't drugs around. I wish that they actually could figure some way to kind of dry up the supply a little bit. I think it would be helpful. I mean, it is true that people who are going to be addicted probably will find them. ... To a certain extent that's true, but does everybody have to have such a great opportunity to find out if they're an addict?"

Taylor spoke about the time when practically everyone he knew was on drugs — when their use was taken for granted. He believes that the tendency in our society to want instant gratification tends to promote drug addiction. And, he says, for the addict, drugs do provide that gratification, for a while.

Great "If it didn't feel great and work great for you, you wouldn't become involved in it. And if it didn't continue to work well for you for a long period of time, you wouldn't be the last person to see that it had turned on you. The denial in an addict goes on beyond when they lose their job, their health, their home ... They do time in jail; they're still saying, 'This is not a problem — this is not a problem — this is my friend!'" He laughs.

Taylor eventually reached the point where he saw that drugs were taking him nowhere, got out of it, with the help of various drug treatment programs. "Although I may have encouraged people to abuse drugs in the past," he says now, "if there's any way to offer a suggestion for a way out, I'm happy to do it." And he adds that, when one decides to stop and actually does stop, "it makes for real change, and it makes for real change fast. Undeniably, good things happen to you."

Undeniably, good things are happening in James Taylor's life, with a new album, domestic and European tours, and another whole era of singing and songwriting ahead of him. 1988, The Christian Science Monitor/News Service.

George Michael retains top spot

NEW YORK, (AP) George Michael and his *Monkey* held firm for the second week in at the top of the single pop records chart in the United States.

Elton John stayed on at second spot for the second straight week on the Cash Box magazine list with *I Don't Wanna Go on With You Like That*, while *Sweet Child O' Mine* by Guns 'n' Roses moved up one notch to third.

Last week's number three hit, *Steve Winwood's Roll With It*, topped to eighth position.

Climbing fast on the top 10 pop list was *Simply Irresistible* by Robert Palmer, up from ninth to fifth.

New to the list this week was *If It Isn't Love* by New Edition, up from 16th to 10th.

As for the country-and-western singles, *Highway 101* took over the top of the Cash Box magazine chart with *(Do You Love Me) Just Say Yes*. A Little Bit In Love by Patty Loveless was second, and Joe Knows How to Live by Eddy Raven was third.

Top Ten US
The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) *Monkey* — George Michael (Columbia).
2. (2) *I Don't Wanna Go on With You Like That* — Elton John (MCA).
3. (4) *Sweet Child O' Mine* — Guns 'n' Roses (Geffen).
4. (6) *Fast Car* — Tracy Chapman (Elektra).
5. (9) *Simply Irresistible* — Robert Palmer (EMI-Manhattan).
6. (8) *Perfect World* — Huey Lewis and The News (Chrysalis).
7. (5) *I Don't Wanna Live Without Your Love* — Chicago (Warner Brothers).
8. (3) *Roll With It* — Steve Winwood (Virgin).
9. (7) *Hands to Heaven* — Breathe (A and M).
10. (16) *If It Isn't Love* — New Edition (MCA).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

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1. (4) *(Do You Love Me) Just Say Yes* — Highway 101 (Warner Brothers).

2. (2) *A Little Bit In Love* — Patty Loveless (MCA).

3. (5) *Joe Knows How to Live* — Eddy Raven (Real).

4. (3) *I Couldn't Leave You If I Tried* — Rodney Crowell (Columbia).

5. (6) *If the South-Woulda Won* — Han Williams Jr. (Warner Brothers-Curb).

6. (8) *That's What Your Love Does to Me* — Holly Dunn (MTM).

7. (9) *I Should Be With You* — Steve Warner (MCA).

8. (10) *Don't Give Candy to a Stranger* — Larry Boone (Mercury-Polygram).

9. (11) *Addicted* — Dan Seals (Capitol).

10. (1) *Give a Little Love* — The Judds (RCA-Curb).

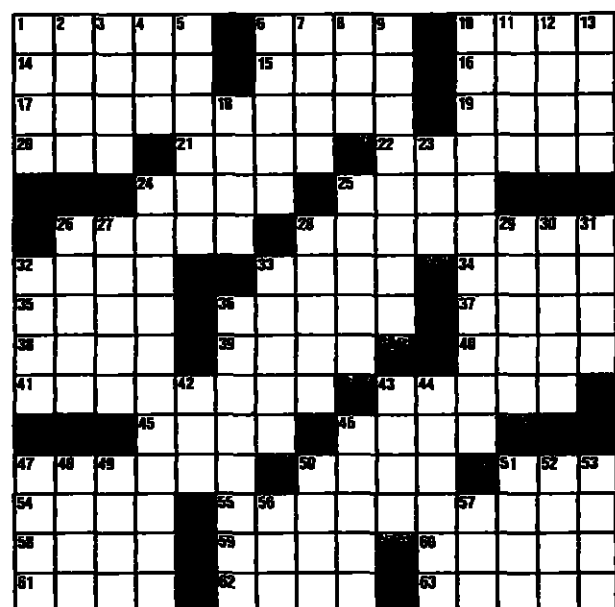
And in London *The Only Way is Up* by Yaz and *The Plastic Population* topped the British pop singles chart for a fifth consecutive week.

Hands to Heaven by Breathe moved up three places to second.

Top Ten UK
This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's positions in parentheses:

1. (1) *The Only Way is Up* — Yaz and The Plastic Population (Big Life).
2. (5) *Hands to Heaven* — Breathe (Virgin).
3. (4) *The Harder I Try* — Brother Beyond (Parlophone).
4. (2) *The Loco-Motion* — Kylie Minogue (PWL).
5. (20) *Megablaster* — Don't Make Me Wait — Bomb the Bass (Rhythm King).
6. (3) *I Need You* — B.V.S.M.P. (Debut).
7. (-) *A Groovy Kind of Love* — Phil Collins.
8. (22) *Teardrops* — Womack and Womack (Fourth and Broadway).
9. (6) *My Love* — Julio Iglesias and Stevie Wonder (CBS).
10. (8) *Find My Love* — Fairground Attraction (BMG).

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 - 6 Wipers
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 - 14 University of Maine site
 - 15 Frigate
 - 16 Spanish painter Joan
 - 17 Author of "Les Misérables"
 - 19 Sacred image
 - 20 Hole in one
 - 21 Sports event
 - 22 "Thy Neighbor's Wife" author
 - 24 Audition
 - 25 — ball
 - 26 McCarthy's rival
 - 28 Max —, author of "Zuleika Dobson"
 - 32 Part of speech
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 - 34 Actress
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 - 36 City near Lille
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 - 40 City in Serbia
 - 41 Fragrant
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 - 47 Gibran, author of "The Prophet"
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EAST
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SOUTH
♠ A K 9 6 5
♥ Void
♦ 10 4
♣ A K Q 10 7 5

The bidding:

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2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♦ Pass
4 ♥ Pass 5 ♠ Pass

Opening lead: King of ♥

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South bid his hand well to reach a contract of five clubs. Note that he did not consider his two-suiter worth an opening two-bid. Be wary of opening two-suited hands with a demand bid, especially if you are

using two clubs as an artificial forcing bid; you could easily lose one of your suits if the opponents compete. South's four-heart cue-bid left open the possibility of slam in case North held anything extra, such as a fourth trump.

Declarer ruffed the opening heart lead, cashed the ace-king of spades and tried to ruff a spade. East over-ruffed and returned a low trump. Declarer won and again attempted to trump a spade. Once more East over-ruffed, and eventually declarer had to concede a diamond trick for down one.

Unlucky perhaps, but not in the light of the bidding. It was quite possible that West held four spades for his takeout double, and East surely held at least two, probably three, trumps.

Even with a 4-2 spade break, declarer could score six clubs, three spades and the ace of diamonds. Therefore, one ruff in dummy was all he needed to make his contract. After cashing the high spades, declarer should have discarded a diamond on the third spade. He can then win the diamond return, come to hand with a trump and discard dummy's last diamond on the fourth spade. A diamond ruff would then be the fulfilling trick.



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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The prospects all the way down the line are good. However, you should not take success for granted. It will have to be worked for. Try a little harder to understand what your partner has in mind. Be lenient.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will have to restrain a temptation to spend more than you now you ought. You will be proved right but you should not rub it in. You would do well to listen to others, not to the sound of your own voice. Be more tolerant.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have to have your wits more fully about you. Do not allow yourself to be caught off guard. Make sure you do not lose sight of your objectives. Be tactful.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will be able to take excellent use of a fairly good opportunity. You must be careful not to do anything that would give rise to jealousy or envy. Take a little better care of your health. Be generous.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will not be able to do quite what you had intended to do and must be a little flexible. You should make sure you do not let a friend down. Ensure that you do not do anything that is disrespectful. Be moderate.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You should not allow yourself to be dominated by negative considerations. This is going to be a hectic day but you should still try to keep calm and relax. You will be able to have the last laugh. Be more sensible.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

This is a good day on which to make some changes you have had in mind. You will feel far more sure of yourself. Avoid doing anything that might put a distance between yourself and your partner. Be sincere.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You should allow yourself sufficient room for manoeuvre and you should think hard before making a choice. A friend of yours will take up a little more of your time than you would like, but never mind.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You may not feel at your best physically and should try to take things more easy. You should avoid drinking too many cups of coffee, nor should you eat too many sweet things. Take a lot better care of your health.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You should not place quite so much reliance upon your intuitions, let reason have the last word. This is no time to try to force. Do not try to do too many things all at one time. Be adaptable.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You will be better able to do what you set out to do. If you are not learning as quickly as you would like do not despair, just persevere. Avoid paying too much attention to some secondary matter. Be reasonable.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will be able to do something to relax tension and should do so. If you are not feeling well try even more to take things easy. Do not take too much for granted and do not magnify the difficulties. Be more cautious.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

SABIC sets up research centre to boost productivity

RIYADH, Sept. 2, (OPECNA): The Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) has set up a research and development centre to boost productivity and improve the quality of its products.

According to the Saudi Press Agency, the centre will be responsible for developing new production techniques and improving the quality of the corporation's products.

In the first six months of this year, SABIC earned \$1.50 billion from record sales of 5.41 million tons of products.

SABIC production is expected to reach 11.23 million tons by the end of the current year, representing a 15.3 per cent increase in output over the last two years.

Products

Last year, the corporation produced 9.70 million tons of products, bringing in revenues of \$2.14 billion, 70 per cent of which came from exports and the remainder from domestic sales.

SABIC, which produces a wide range of products including petrochemicals, plastics, fertilizers, minerals and other by-products, has set up and developed 15 industrial complexes over the past 10 years.

Its exports last year represented 72 per cent of Saudi Arabia's total non-oil sales abroad.

The corporation has developed two national companies to promote the marketing of its products and has established offices and storage facilities abroad to promote sales in over 70 Arab, European, African, Asian and American countries.

Services

The first company is responsible for marketing SABIC products while the second provides marketing services such as shipping, insurance and other technical arrangements for purchases.

The corporation has increased the number of Saudi Arabian nationals working in its establishment to over 32 per cent overall.

SABIC's head office in Riyadh has over 60 per cent Saudi representation while the corporation's two marketing companies have a total of 75 per cent.

Artificially low prices corrupt Soviet economy

MOSCOW, Sept. 2, (Reuters): State subsidies to keep prices artificially low are corrupting the Soviet economy and creating a breeding ground for black market operations, a Soviet newspaper said today.

Shortages, unbridled speculation and theft, which result from the subsidy system, lead eventually to economic collapse, I. Kotlyar, a professor from the central Russian city of Gorky, wrote in *Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya*.

Kotlyar said it was naive to think that the corruption, embezzlement and black-market dealings recently exposed in some parts of the country were not more widespread.

Conditions

"If there are material conditions for abuse, they inevitably appear," he said. "The big differences in prices create such conditions everywhere."

Many Soviet citizens routinely turn to unofficial sources for services and basic commodities unavailable in the state sector. Recent figures show the black economy is thriving, with an annual turnover of 70-90 billion roubles (\$110-145 billion).

Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev is trying to tackle the problem with measures aimed at reviving state performance, but he put off price reform until the start of the 1990s.

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Subroto arrives in Kuwait

Quota talks draw blank

BAGHDAD, Sept. 2, (Reuters): OPEC Secretary-General Subroto flew to Kuwait today after talks in Iraq failed to achieve a breakthrough on a quota system to stabilise oil prices, diplomatic sources said.

He was met at the airport by deputy board chairman of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, Abdulrazzak Mulla Hussein and the Indonesian ambassador to Kuwait.

Dr Subroto said that he would meet again Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa today to brief him on the outcome of his talks in Tehran and Baghdad which aimed at ironing out differences between member states before the next ministerial conference.

Subroto said he would proceed from here to Qatar at the end of his current Gulf tour.

Previously, Doha has not been on Subroto's itinerary.

An Asian diplomat said Subroto failed to convince Iraq to accept an agreement with its Gulf war foe Iran on new higher quotas.

A senior Gulf oil official quoted by the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) on Monday said Subroto was suggesting Iran and Iraq have the same oil production quota of 2.5 million barrels per day.

Subroto, who arrived in Iraq from Iran on Wednesday, held only one official round of talks with Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi during his three-day visit.

Tehran Radio said during Subroto's visit to Tehran that Iran rejected the concept of quota parity with Iraq.

There were no reports in the Iraqi media during his stay in Baghdad on whether Subroto and Chalabi discussed Iraq's demand for an Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) production quota equal to Iran's 2.369 million barrels per day (BPD).

Subroto declined to meet journalists during his Iraqi visit, making only a brief statement on arrival saying his talks would cover issues related to the OPEC meeting scheduled for November.

Production

Chalabi briefed Subroto on Iraq's oil production and exports since the Aug 20 UN ceasefire in the war with Iran, political sources said.

They believed Iraq is insisting on a higher quota to boost income needed to rebuild an

economy hard-hit by the war.

"We are not ready to give up our quota for another party and will try to maintain our share and achieve our needs for the prosperity of our people," Chalabi told Baghdad Radio a day before Subroto's visit.

Pact

Iraq refused to take part in OPEC's quota pact last December after rejecting its former 1.54 million BPD limit, and now pumps 2.7 million BPD.

The political sources said they were surprised Subroto did not meet President Saddam Hussein as they had expected, a sign they interpreted as indicating a tough Iraqi stand on the quota issue.

Chalabi said on Tuesday Iraq had sacrificed much for OPEC unity but "this does not mean that we are going to continue our sacrifice for others."

He said future Iraqi policy would be based on "the principle of getting higher economic returns from its oil exports."

Lowest

Oil prices are at one of their lowest levels for 1988 due to a world market glut, with Mideast benchmark crude Dubai offered at \$12.70 per barrel in London today compared with its official price of \$17.42.

Meanwhile, technical experts from OPEC's definitions committee will meet on October 10 to discuss production quotas and other matters, Venezuelan Energy and Mines Minister Julio Cesar Gil said yesterday.

Gil said the experts from the 13 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries would hold the talks in preparation for the regular conference on Nov 21.

Ministers sign protocol on economic co-operation

Turkey, Kuwait agree to step up trade ties

By Jadranka Porter

TURKEY and Kuwait have agreed to widen the scope of economic co-operation to include the so far untapped commercial potential in contracting, shipping, investment and training.

The protocol on economic co-operation, signed by Kuwait's Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Al Khalid and Turkey's Minister of State Yusuf Ozal on Aug 26 in Izmir, Turkey, called for diversification and an increase in trade between the two countries.

The agreement said that although bilateral trade is progressing well, the overall volume does not reflect the full potentials of the two countries.

Turkey invited Kuwaiti companies to invest in tourism — as health resorts in particular — as well as in pharmaceutical industries.

The Turks emphasised the advantages of their free zones which exempt companies from taxes and customs duty.

Turkey first established free zones 200 years ago. Today, it has four free zones with companies which deal in warehousing, packaging, wholesale trade, banking, insurance, architectural services and others.

Co-operation

The two sides pledged to work on the draft agreement on the Promotion and Protection of Investments expected to be signed before the end of this year.

The establishment of Turkish-Kuwaiti Joint Investment Co. was also discussed, and the Development Bank of Turkey drafted an agreement to be studied by Kuwaiti experts.

The two sides also expressed readiness to step up co-operation in construction and called for a greater number of joint ventures to provide services in Turkey.

Kuwait and other countries.

This clears the way for moves proposed by Ankara to couple the emirate's capital with Turkey's skill and manpower to tender jointly for construction work in post-war Iraq and Iran.

Turkey offered training facilities in agriculture, specifically in quarantine procedures, development of food control systems, mechanisation, afforestation and erosion control, according to the protocol.

In the field of telecommunication, Turkey proposed to increase the number of telephone lines between the two countries.

The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development projects in Turkey progressed according to schedule, the protocol says, but Turkey wants an increase in the annual limit in the Fund's allocations for the projects acceptable to Kuwait.

Kuwait promised to iron out

problems Turkish transport companies and shipping lines face in Kuwait. New customs areas are being built at points of entry at Kuwait's land borders and are expected to expedite customs and transportation procedures.

Initiatives

Since the early 1980s, Turkey has made repeated overtures to the Gulf states proposing co-operation on projects in trade, industry and culture.

It has made its presence felt with a sharp increase in its exports to the Gulf. Turkey's exports to Kuwait grew more than tenfold between 1979 and 1987. The Mediterranean country also became a popular tourist spot for the Gulf Arabs.

Among the latest in a series of initiatives, Turkey has proposed a huge and complex plan to feed the Gulf states with fresh water from its rivers.

Known as the Peace Pipeline,

the project consists of the western pipeline that will supply Syria and Jordan, and the Gulf pipeline which will pump 2,500,000 cubic metres of water per day to Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the UAE and Oman.

The pipeline will originate in South-central Anatolia and will be fed by surplus now lost to the Mediterranean Sea from the Ceyhan and Seyhan rivers. The feasibility study conducted by the American firm Brown and Root will be completed in March.

The Gulf pipeline, estimated to cost \$12.5 billion, could give Kuwait 600,000 cubic metres of water per day. Construction is estimated to take up to 10 years. Kuwait and other Gulf states have signalled their interest in the pipeline.

If the project is approved, Turkey's influence in the Gulf will be substantially boosted.

China will further slow its ambitious price reforms

BEIJING, Sept. 2, (UPI): China's government will further slow its ambitious price reforms through next year, amid hints of a policy rift with the Communist Party, in a move hailed today by the state-run press as "extremely timely, extremely important."

One Western diplomat described as "ludicrous" the deceleration in China's sweeping capitalist-style economic reforms, noting Beijing's bid to free up markets is crucial to senior leader Deng Xiaoping's 9-year-old modernisation programme.

The state council, or cabinet, yesterday approved "effective measures to ensure a much lower rate of price increases of retail goods next year," the Xinhua news agency reported.

Move

Unanimous approval of the steps to boost government control over prices to "achieve greater stability" and cool soaring inflation came at a daylong cabinet meeting chaired by Premier Li Peng.

"This was an extremely timely, extremely important meeting," said the economic daily in a front-page commentary.

The move apparently marked a bid by Li, an advocate of caution in implementing the sweeping economic reforms, to return to more central planning rather than pushing ahead with freeing

markets.

The cabinet stressed that it considered a vague five-year plan announced last week by the Politburo to remove price controls of most commodities as "still tentative and under revision."

The unprecedented admission of government disagreement with party policies may mark a rift between Li and party chief Zhao Ziyang, who is the foremost champion of Deng's sweeping reforms. Both Li and Zhao are on the five-man Politburo standing committee, China's supreme policy-making organ.

Criticism

"Next year, as the first year for the five-year plan, will see no radical steps being taken in the price reform," the state council said in a direct challenge to Zhao's difficult and unpopular policies to allow prices to float free of rigid central controls.

"Macro-control by the central government should be strengthened and improved during the reform," Li was quoted as saying.

Western diplomats described the 6-point statement as among the most conservative in many months, saying it reflected increasing criticism of the price reforms from government ministers unhappy at being left to

implement difficult policies approved by the party.

"China can't just put price reform on hold," said one diplomat. "If they don't tackle it then they will need greater government intervention — and that means rolling back."

Last month, the state council announced it would halt consumer price increases for the rest of the year to allow the fires of inflation and the tempers of hard-hit consumers to cool.

A State Statistical Bureau spokesman said inflation surged by a record 24 per cent in 32 major cities last month over the same period last year, fuelled by flagging agricultural production and heavy consumer demand. Beijing has moved rapidly over the last two years. To free prices of various commodities, including non-staple foods and raw materials.

The cabinet meeting also said bank interest rates on three-year savings deposits would "not fall below and may even be slightly higher" than inflation in an attempt to curb consumer spending.

Western diplomats greeted the new policy with anxiety, noting that since banks are not allowed to raise interest rates on loans the inevitable result would be bankruptcy.

Bahrain abolishes interest ceiling on corporate loans

BAHRAIN, Sept. 2, (Reuters): Bahrain has abolished a 10 per cent interest rate ceiling on corporate loans which bankers said had choked off domestic lending following a rise in international interest rates.

They said the move effective on Thursday was designed to lure funds back into the country and to help boost flagging profits on its commercial banks.

"Banks found the 10 per cent ceiling too low for risky loans. It was more attractive and economical to put money back into the international market," one banker said.

"Now banks have complete freedom to agree on lending rates with corporate customers," he added.

Hikes

A circular issued by the Bahrain Monetary Agency (BMA) to the island's 20 commercial banks said removal of the ceiling — which has been in effect for exactly two years — was coupled with hikes in Bahrain's prime lending and deposit rates.

Many bankers said they welcomed the move.

"Bahrain is part of the world financial market — it could not afford to swim against the tide any longer," said Mansoor Sayed, acting general manager of Bahraini Saudi Bank.

Sayed said he expected the move would stimulate investment within the country, with the

market determining rates.

"The only way the situation could be resolved was to allow banks more scope for finance by raising interest rates on domestic lending," a senior banking source said.

"This should encourage banks to do more business and will also assist their profitability which has suffered during the last two years," he added.

According to figures released by the BMA, the combined net profits of Bahrain's commercial banks plunged to 4.9 million dinars (\$13 million) at the end of 1987 from 31.3 million (\$83 million) in 1984.

Bankers say the decline was due mainly to bad debts which spurred a sharp increase in loan provisions.

The BMA said it was raising its prime lending rate one point to 8-1/2 per cent on September 1 as well as increasing its maximum recommended rates on non-dormant deposits and certificates on deposits by up to 1-1/2 per cent.

Limit

But it said a limit of 8-1/2 per cent on flat rate and 15 per cent on outstanding balance loans of up to 20,000 dinars (\$53,200) to individual customers would remain.

Interest rate payments on 50 per cent of reserve funds placed with the agency by commercial banks would also cease as of December 31, the BMA added.

Scottish firm wins contract

LONDON, Sept. 2, (OPECNA): Britoil of the United Kingdom has awarded a contract to a Scottish firm for the supply of two unmanned platforms to boost the company's gas development in the North Sea.

A company spokesman said yesterday that the platforms were due to be installed at the Amethyst East gas field for production to start in October 1990.

Scheme

The \$20 million contract awarded to UIE of Clydebank, is the first of a two-phase development of the field, which together with the neighbouring Amethyst West Concession hold estimated recoverable gas reserves of 850 billion cu. ft.

A total of 20 production wells and two additional platforms are planned under the \$442 million scheme, said the company.

World Business Summary

Qatar produced 293,000 BPD of crude in '87: QGPC chief

DOHA, Sept. 2, (OPECNA): Qatar produced an average of 293,000 BPD of crude in 1987, below the assigned OPEC level of 299,000 BPD, according to Dr Jaber Al Marri, managing director of Qatar General Petroleum Corporation (QGPC). Speaking at a news conference here to mark the 17th anniversary of Qatar's Independence Day on Sept. 3, he said that enhanced recovery techniques had been applied to oilfields to increase efficiency and prolong productivity. He stressed that the corporation gave its "utmost attention" to exploration for oil and a number of onshore and offshore programmes were in progress. Two companies currently involved in exploration work, he said, were Sohio, which signed an agreement covering one offshore area in 1985 and Amoco, whose operations covered most of the Qatari peninsula as a result of a contract signed two years ago. Recently, Al Marri noted, pipelines had been completed to transport petroleum products from the refinery to Doha for local distribution and to the coast for export to international markets. The official said that natural gas now playing an increasingly important role in meeting the country's needs for power generation, water desalination and gas-based industries. Natural gas output last year, he disclosed, amounted to 90,000 BPD of oil equivalent with current domestic demand for associated and non-associated gas standing at 780 million cu. ft. a day. Drilling of the first well in phase one of the Northfield gas development scheme began last month together with the installation of two platforms. Al Marri said that the project, implemented last year, is a first step towards utilising the massive recoverable reserves of the Northfield, estimated to be in the region of 150 trillion cu. ft. The scheme will take over three years to complete and will cost about \$1.3 billion, he said. Al Marri said that supplies from the field would be used for domestic purposes but in view of the field's huge resources, Qatar also aimed to export the fuel. The corporation, he said, was studying the possibility of exporting gas via pipelines to neighbouring countries and world markets and to use the fuel in the export of such products as methanol, aluminium and petrochemicals.

Cyprus aims to put itself firmly on world shipping map

NICOSIA, Sept. 2, (Reuters): Cyprus has sailed from 32 to seventh place among world shipping registries in the past six years and now it aims to establish itself firmly on the maritime map. But the Cyprus flag had to overcome two unenviable records along the way. "In the 1970s we had the oldest fleet. About two-thirds were older than 20 years and as a consequence we also had the worst casualty record," Sergios Gergios, director of the Department of Merchant Shipping, told Reuters. Now, Sergios said, only some 18 per cent of its 2,000 registered vessels are more than 20 years old and total loss figures compare favourably with the world average. Shipping experts say the world slump encouraged owners to seek cheaper bases for registration such as Cyprus. The island's moves to improve legislation and services as well as laws permitting parallel registration also contributed to the success story, they said. "There was a crisis because there was an economic recession. Suddenly there was an oversupply of ships and freight rates came down," Sergios said. But he said it didn't help just to be cheaper. A successful registry had to gain the trust of the mortgage banks, the underwriters and the shipowners. "We believe that the success of the registry over these years is a combination of all these," Sergios said. Cyprus' expanding role was formally recognised last year when it was elected to the council of the International Maritime Organisation. Zenon Katsourides, recently appointed as President George Vassiliou's shipping adviser, said the government aimed to expand and incorporate shipping into the island's growing offshore industry. "If we become sixth or fifth so much the better. But what I want is to create an industry. An industry doesn't mean an assortment of ships being owned by Cypriots or by Germans or Greeks sailing under the flag," Katsourides said. "An industry means a maritime centre. It means a place where you can develop maritime traditions and offer services."

Canadian House of Commons approves free trade bill

OTTAWA, Sept. 2, (AP): Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's allies in the Canadian House of Commons won passage yesterday of free trade legislation to eliminate economic barriers between Canada and the United States. The measure now heads for the opposition-dominated Senate, where opponents say they will stall the bill. Under the trade agreement, both countries would begin phasing out border taxes, quotas, standards and other regulations that hinder trade. Disputes could be referred to five-member panels of trade experts from both countries. The Canadian government has touted the deal as a boon for business and jobs, saying it will cut the \$2-billion a year in tariffs that Canadian businesses and consumers now have to pay on imports from the United States. The opposition says other Canadian jobs will be lost as US businesses move into the Canadian market. The critics also claim that consumers will benefit only slightly from the tariff cuts. The Progressive Conservatives, with 207 of the 282 seats in the Commons, easily out-voted the combined opposition of the Liberals and New Democrats. The opposition, who call the trade deal a sellout of Canadian sovereignty, interrupted the final vote by singing the country's national anthem, "O Canada." During the voting, Speaker John Fraser admonished the members of Parliament to settle down and asked them to put down their Canadian flags. The bill, which would amend 27 federal statutes to make Canada more open to US goods and services, faces a rough road. The Liberal majority in the Senate has promised to stall the legislation until the issue is decided in an election.

World Bank's policies praised

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2, (AP): Private environmental groups, in a letter made public on Thursday, praised new policies of the World Bank on forced resettlement in the Third World but criticised the way some projects are being carried out. About 600,000 people are being forced from their homes in 27 countries by the construction of artificial lakes and other projects — some still under way — that were aided by the bank between 1979 and 1985. The forced resettlements have been attacked by some US congressmen and other critics as violations of human rights. "We believe that the bank's resettlement guidelines should be emulated by other multilateral development institutions, and we will urge them to do so," said the letter, sent to bank President Barber Conable on June 26 by major US and international groups. "But in some ongoing projects — in a number of bank-financed thermal power plants in India, for example — tens of thousands of poor have been displaced with little provision for their welfare and livelihoods," the letter added. It was signed by Bruce M. Rich, senior attorney for the US Environmental Defence Fund and leaders of eight other organisations. One of the signers was Wouter J. Veening, director of the Dutch National Committee of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources. They sent copies to the development banks for the Americas, Asia and Africa. These are government-owned bodies that are the chief source of loans to help Third World countries raise their living standards. The World Bank is the biggest, comprising 151 governments, with the United States holding the largest bloc of votes. Michael M. Cernea, the World Bank's sociology adviser, said on Wednesday that the environmental groups often have criticised the fund. He pointed out that the laws of many countries, including the United States, recognise that governments have a right of "eminent domain" — to take property, including people's homes, for uses that benefit the country or the area as a whole, provided that those displaced are properly compensated.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON

(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	185/0
ABBEY LIFE	298.0	
ADT LTD	134.0	
ALD LYONS	390/4	
AMSTRAD	204/0	
ARGYLE GP	170/8	
ASDA GP	145.5	
BAA	258.0	
BTR	263.0	
BAT INDS	433.0	
BARCLAYS	399.0	
BASS	740/0	
BEAZER	165/0	
BEECHAM	463/0	
BERSFORD	388/0	
BIC PLC	334/0	
BLUE ARROW	91/0	
BLUE CIRC	420/0	
BOC GP	393/0	
BOOTS CO	204/0	
BPF INDS	265/0	
BR CONN	218/0	
BR AEROS	150/0	
BR GAS RT	173/0	
BR LAND	308.0	
B.P.	243/0	
B.P. PP	143.5	
BURMA OIL	513.0	
BURTON	196/0	
CABLESHIP	366.0	
CADBURYS	353/0	
COATS VVY	212/0	
COOH UN	100.0	
COOKS GOLD	242/0	
COULTAID	307.0	
DALGETY	325/0	
DEE CP	171/0	
DIXONS	150/0	
ENG CHINA	446/0	
ENTER OIL	454.0	
FBI BACK	118.0	
FERRANTI	89.0	
GEN ECCO	875/0	
GEN ALLEG	153/0	
GLAXO	955/0	
GRANADA	283.5	
GLOBE	136/0	
GLYNED	283/0	
GRAND MET	491/0	
GUARD RYL	177.0	
GUN	312.0	
GUINNESS	310.0	
IMPERIAL A	615/0	
IRANIAN	140.0	
HARRISON C	615/0	
HAKER SID	267.0	
HILLSDOWN	261.0	
ICI	007.0	

LONDON

(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	728/0	729/0
600 GROUP	106/0	106/0
A. AMER TS	346/0	346/0
A.S. ELECT	405/0	406/0
A.S. M. HLD	172/0	173/0
AAB KENT	74/0	74/0
AAR HLD	259/0	259/0
AARONSON	118/0	117/0
ADDISON	35/0	35/0
ADVEST	307/0	308/0
ALEX WRM	146/0	147/0
ALEXON	360/0	360/0
ALLD COLL	117/0	117/0
AMERSHAM	603/0	605/0
AM HLTIC	249/0	249/0
ANGLIA TV	169/0	167/0
ANGLO OIL	198/0	198/0
ANSTRUTHER	82/0	83/0
APLEYARD	470/0	472/0
APV PLC	112/4	113/0
AQUA A.	63/0	63/0
ARAB ENGY	63/0	63/0
ARCHER JAP	138/0	140/0
ARLINGTON	140/0	140/0
ARMSTRONG	121/0	121/0
ASHLEY LA	100/0	100/0
ATLANTIC CN	50/0	50/0
ATTWOODS	270/0	271/0
AUS REE A	247/0	248/0
AUTO SECS	61/4	61/0
AVDEL PLC	340/0	340/0
AVIS EUR	340/0	340/0
AVON RUBB	713/0	715/0
B. W. M. ILL	172/0	171/0
BAILL JAP	453/0	455/0
BAILL SHI	75/4	77/0
BAIRD (W)	253/0	252/0
BANK IRE	230/0	229/0
BANKER IT	68/0	68/0
BARR DEV	165/0	166/0
BAWES C	27/0	28/0
BBA GROUP	154/0	154/0
BEAR B. UT	3/0	3/0
BEAR BRND	7/0	7/4
BEATTIE J	138/0	136/0
BEJAM GP	152/4	152/0
BELHAVEN	49/0	49/0
BELLWAY	223/0	223/0
BENROSE	213/0	213/0
BENLOK MD	50/0	50/0
BERKELEY	282/0	283/0
BHAIN MINT	402/0	403/0
BHM GROUP	93/0	93/0
BK OF SOO	356/0	356/0
BLACK LE	13/0	13/0
BUNNETT +	36/0	36/0
BOASE HAS	227/0	228/0
BOODINGTON	157/0	158/0
BOYD SHOP	570/0	570/0
BOYD HENR	380/0	383/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1405.9	1391.6	1409.4	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	981.3	981.3	994.9	957.6
FT ALL SHR	988.42	988.42	1011.7	963.01
FT GOV SEC	86.48	86.48	86.54	87.92
FT GOV W	193.1	193.1	194.1	207.2
FT MINES F	500.51	500.51	511.81	517.46
FT OIL	1695.9	1695.9	1703.9	1834.0
FT MLD DLR	119.85	121.56	122.96	126.05
FT MLD STG	106.16	107.02	107.84	109.51
FT MLD LOC	111.35	112.91	113.34	115.44

London Stock Market Report

UK SHARES RALLY IN LATE TRADE ON WALL STREET RISE

LONDON, SEPT 2, REUTER - LONDON EQUITY PRICES RALLIED IN LATE TRADING AFTER WALL STREET STAGED AN EARLY SURGE ON THE BACK OF MEAKER THAN EXPECTED U.S. JOBS DATA, WHICH CALMED RECENT INFLATIONARY FEARS THERE, DEALERS SAID.

HOWEVER, THEY NOTED THAT VOLUME WAS MINIMAL AND RETAIL INTEREST WAS AGAIN LIGHT AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF GROWING FEARS OF ANOTHER HIKE IN BASE RATES, CURRENTLY AT 12 PCT.

THE POUND WAS FOUR BASIS POINTS DOWN IN TRADE-WEIGHTED TERMS AT 75.1 AND MONEY MARKET RATES FIRMED IN SYMPATHY.

AT 1430 GMT, THE FTSE 100 WAS 12.4 POINTS UP AT 1,742.9 AFTER 1,739.8 JUST AFTER THE WALL STREET OPENING.

STERLING'S FALL BUOYED THE BIG EXPORTERS BUT THERE WAS NO AGGRESSIVE BUYING BECAUSE OF A BELIEF THAT U.K. AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT ALLOW THE POUND TO FALL VERY FAR.

SHORT-COVERING ON THE LAST DAY OF THE ACCOUNT ALSO HELPED PUSH PRICES AHEAD BUT THE VAST MAJORITY OF OPEN POSITIONS WERE ALREADY COVERED, DEALERS SAID. AT 1500 GMT, VOLUME IN LEADING SHARES WAS 413 M LN SHARES WHICH, ALTHOUGH HIGHER THAN IN RECENT DAYS, WAS STILL FAR BELOW LEVELS REACHED BEFORE OCTOBER 1987.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEALERS SAID THE NEGATIVE SENTIMENT FOLLOWING THE RECORD 2.15 BILLION STG U.K. JULY CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT APPEARED TO BE BEHIND STERLING'S DECLINE.

London Gold

LONDON, SEPT 2, REUTER - GOLD BULLION PRICES CLOSED LOWER AND SLUMPED EVEN FURTHER IN NEW YORK AFTER THE LONDON CLOSE AS SPOT BULLION WAS TESTING A KEY SUPPORT LEVEL OF 425 DLRS PER OUNCE, DEALERS SAID.

LONDON FINISHED AT 427.75/428.25 DLRS, DOWN 2.75 DLRS FROM YESTERDAY'S CLOSE. HOWEVER, BY 1530 GMT NEW YORK SPOT BULLION DIPPED NEAR THE 425 DLRS LEVEL, ANOTHER 2.50 DOWN ON THE LONDON CLOSE.

THE LATE PRICE SLUMP FOLLOWED A DAY IN WHICH GOLD APPEARED TO STRUGGLE TO HOLD AT SLIGHTLY LOWER LEVELS IN SPARSE ACTIVITY. PLATINUM PRICES ALSO CAME UNDER STRONG SELLING PRESSURE.

London Money Market

LONDON, SEPT 2, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES CONTINUED AROUND 1/8 POINT FIRMER IN LATE TRADING AS STERLING REMAINED WEAK AND TOOK LITTLE COMFORT FROM A SOFTER DOLLAR AFTER U.S. AUGUST EMPLOYMENT DATA.

TRADERS SAID THE U.S. FIGURES, WHICH SHOWED A SMALLER THAN EXPECTED RISE IN NON-FARM PAYROLL OF 219,000 AND A SHARP DOWNWARD REVISION TO JULY'S PAYROLL RISE, MEANT A FURTHER TIGHTENING OF U.S. MONETARY POLICY WAS LESS LIKELY AS THE ECONOMY WOULD SEEM TO BE GROWING SLOWER THAN EXPECTED.

THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE WAS BID 3/16 POINT HIGHER THAN LATE YESTERDAY AT 12-9/16 1/2 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	FIX
1.6680/90	1.6735/45	1.8640/50	1.8640/50	1.6680/90
1.8696/8776	3.121/135	3.1270/1305	10.6365/6495	1.8696/8776
1.5795/5805	2.6362/6394	339.6/340.2	24.77/80	1.5795/5805
1.10534	3.3340	112.94	33.215	1.10534
1.28692	2.62279	2.07142	7.04182	1.28692
1.28692	2.62279	2.07142	7.04182	1.28692
1.28692	2.62279	2.07142	7.04182	1.28692
1.28692	2.62279	2.07142	7.04182	1.28692
1.28692	2.62279	2.07142	7.04182	1.28692

BORTHWICK	57/0	57/0	HIGGS NIL	350/0	350/0	SALVESES	166/0	165/0
BR ARROW	102/0	102/0	HMBRO CYP	69/0	70/0	SAVILLE G	44/0	44/0
BR ASSETS	64/0	64/0	HMBRO CYP	218/0	219/0	SAVILLS	121/0	121/0
BR DREGDI	124/0	124/0	HNTSPR	176/0	176/0	SAVOY "A"	815/0	815/0
BR VITA	219/0	219/0	HOGG GARD	153/0	153/0	SCHR. GLOB	215/0	215/0
BRENT CHE	139/0	138/0	HOLMES PR	92/0	92/0	SCOT REIT	185/0	185/0
BRENT WCR	347/0	347/0	HOLDEN GP	105/0	106/0	SCOT I.T.	119/0	120/0
BRIDON	148/0	149/0	HOKINSON	95/0	95/0	SCOT MCT	126/0	126/0
BRITAIN SE	173/0	173/0	HTV GROUP	224/0	223/0	SCOT MORT	94/0	95/0
BRITANNIC	327/0	327/0	ICE.FZ.FD	341/0	343/0	SCOT AM.I	84/0	85/0
BRIXTON E	317/0	321/0	IMRY M.DV	360/0	360/0	SCOT NAT C	25/0	25/0
BRYANT GP	119/0	119/0	INDPMDT W	12/4	12/0	SCY NAT I	91/0	91/0
BSG INTL	55/4	55/4	INT.BU.CH	116/0	117/0	SCY NAT W	6/0	6/0
BSR INTL	63/0	64/0	INT.CITY	120/0	120/0	ST.ANDREW	178/0	179/0
BULLOUGH	450/0	448/0	INVERGORD	283/0	285/0	STAKIS	91/0	92/0
BULMER HP	154/0	153/0	JHNSGFFIR	40/0	40/0	STEETLEY	307/0	307/0
CALANDRIA	350/0	350/0	JOS HLDGS	165/0	165/0	STEELY N	340/0	300/0
CALOR GRP	346/0	346/0	KALANAZOZ	48/4	49/0	STERNH PR	145/0	145/0
CAMB ELEC	230/0	231/0	KALON GRP	36/4	36/0	STORNGAR	12/6	13/4
CAMFORD E	175/0	176/0	KELT ENGY	33/0	34/0	STURGE HD	238/0	238/0
CANNING W	214/0	213/0	KETSON	77.0	76.0	T.TEES TV	309/0	309/0
CANNON ST	298/0	298/0	KLUAT O'S	120/0	121/0	TELEMETRX	49/0	49/0
CAP GROUP	296/0	297/0	KWIK SAVE	327/0	327/0	TELENETS	227/0	230/0
CAULDON	10/0	10/0	KWIK-FIT	100/0	100/0	TEMPLE BA	199/0	200/0
CENTL TV	528/0	528/0	LAING 'A'	293/0	293/0	THAMES TV	344/0	343/0
CIAM PHRR	150/0	150/0	LAING OR	293/0	293/0	THERMAL S	148/0	147/0
CHARTERHA	20/6	21/0	LAING PRP	466/0	465/0	THOMSON S	72/0	73/0
CHAS CHUR	98/0	98/0	LAIRD GRP	235/0	235/0	THORNTONS	127/0	126/0
CHLORIDE	54/0	55/0	LANDLEISU	331/0	331/0	THROGHTN	380/0	381/0
CHRISTIES	508/0	508/0	LAURANCE W	142/0	142/0	TI GROUP	338/0	340/0
CI GROUP	44/0	44/0	LBN & MAM	269/0	272/0	TIE RACK	98/0	98/0
CNTRY SEC	68/0	68/0	LBN & MAM	148/0	150/0	TIME PROO	202/0	203/0
CNTRY OIL	169/0	171/0	LBN INTL	233/0	234/0	TOMKINS F	212/4	213/0
COATES BR	318/0	315/0	LBN SHOP	230/0	229/0	TOOTAL	96/0	96/0
COLLINS A	439/0	443/0	LBN UTD	153/0	153/0	TOZER KAM	91/0	92/0
COLLINS W	566/0	553/0	LBN&EDIN	125/0	126/0	TRC CITY	68/4	69/0
COLLOROLL	184/0	184/0	LEX SERV	368/4	369/0	TR INDUST	125/0	125/4
CONWELLS	270/0	270/0	LIFE SCIE	54/0	54/0	TR PACIFIC	53/4	54/0
COSTAIN	279/0	280/0	LILLEY FJ	49/0	49/0	TR PROTEY	47/0	47/4
COURTS A	271/0	270/0	LIT	25/0	26/0	TR TROST	120/0	121/0
COURTS FR	388/0	385/0	LOCAL LON	463/0	463/0	TRAVISAER	350/0	350/0
CREST NIC	178/0	178/0	LOGICA	333/0	332/0	TRIACO	40/4	41/0
CRH	129/0	130/0	LON (M)	618/0	618/0	TRIPLEX	180/0	181/0
CRODA INT	194/0	194/0	LOMBARDSON	186/0	186/0	TRITON ER	159/0	160/0
CRYSTALAT	152/0	151/0	LOMDES	78/0	78/0	TRUST DRV	214/0	213/0
CTRY PROP	260/0	260/0	M&G GROUP	363/0	362/0	TURRIFP	313/0	313/0
DARES EST	26/4	26/4	M.C.PACIF	158/0	160/0	TV SM HLD	62/0	61/0
DAVIS GDD	157/0	156/0	M&C PACIF	222/0	222/0	TVS ENTER	295/0	294/0
DAVY CORP	141/4	142/0	M&C PACIF	88/0	88/0	TYNDAAL	117/0	117/0
DE LA RUE	478/0	480/0	MAJEDIE	195/0	194/0	U-BORLAND	97/0	97/0
DELTA GRP	280/4	282/0	MANDERS	198/0	198/0	U-BRD ST	35/4	36/0
DEVENISH	317/0	318/0	MARLEY	148/0	148/0	U-BROADAD	173/0	173/0
DIPLOMA	206/0	206/0	MARSHALLS	235/0	236/0	U-CIFER	12/0	12/0
DOBBSON PK	89/4	89/0	MATTHEWS	75/0	74/0	U-CITYTVSN	74/0	75/0
DOUGLAS R	278/0	278/0	MALINDERS	100/0	101/0	U-DEMEY W	121/0	121/0
DOUGLASH	54/0	54/0	M&C PACIF	304/0	305/0	U-DURHAM	54/0	55/0
DOUGLASH	204/0	204/0	M&C PACIF	223/0	222/0	U-ELDRGE	515/0	515/0
DRAYTON C	438/0	438/0	M&C PACIF	306/0	305/0	U-EXPLAIR	39/0	39/0
DRG	426/0	425/0	M&C PACIF	143/0	143/0	U-FIELDS	37/0	38/0
DUNBINS W	76/0	76/0	M&C PACIF	104/0	103/0	U-FLOED E	24/0	24/0
DUNDEE LD	290/0	290/0	M&C PACIF	186/0	185/0	U-FR SEL	97/0	96/0
DUNHILL	211/0	210/0	M&C PACIF	84/0	85/0	U-HIGH ST	101/0	100/0
EAGLE TST	134/0	134/0	M&C PACIF	395/0	395/0	U-HUGHES	82/0	82/0
EDIN I.T	144/0	145/0	M&C PACIF	420/0	420/0	U-ISRAEL	23/6	23/4
ELECTROCH	182/0	183/0	M&C PACIF	119/0	119/0	U-KUNICK	36/4	37/0
ELLIS EVA	170/0	171/0	M&C PACIF	132/0	131/0	U-LDN FRF	153/0	153/0
ENAP	200/0	200/0	M&C PACIF	232/0	231/0	U-LDN HS	7/4	7/4
EMPIRE ST	240/0	240/0	M&C PACIF	199/0	199/0	U-LINCH W	5/6	6/4
ERA GROUP	78/0	78/0	M&C PACIF	221/0	221/0	U-MICROWT	39/0	40/0
EURO, HOME	314/0	315/0	M&C PACIF	287/0	288/0	U-MOLTHAR	39/0	38/0
EUROHERM	366/0	367/0	M&C PACIF	610/0	610/0	U-MORTDUN	375/0	380/0
EUROINTL	285/0	286/0	M&C PACIF	132/0	132/0	U-PAVION	9/0	8/4
EUROINTL	18/0	18/4	M&C PACIF	133/4	133/4	U-RANDSHIT	163/0	163/0
EUROINTL	186/0	185/0	M&C PACIF	660/0	660/0	U-SAC INT	97/0	98/0
F&C ENTER	25/4	26/0	M&C PACIF	334/0	335/0	U-SELECTV	16/0	16/0
F&C BUROT	204/0	205/0	M&C PACIF	27/2	27/4	U-STH BUS	335/0	335/0
F&C PACIF	119/0	120/0	M&C PACIF	57/0	57/0	U-STHROPE	235/0	235/0
F&C SHILLR	70/0	70/0	M&C PACIF	381/0	380/0	U-T.V.AM	137/0	135/0
FALCON	103.0	101.0	M&C PACIF	123/0	123/0	U-TRIND W	5/0	5/0
FARMELL E	141/0	138/0	M&C PACIF	86/0	85/0	U-TRIND W	15/0	15/0
FED. MOUN	265/0	265/0	M&C PACIF	173/0	172/0	U-TSB C I	149/0	149/0
FEMMER JH	155/0	155/0	M&C PACIF	265/0	267/0	U-TUBULAR	28/4	28/4
FERGUSON	262/0	263/0	M&C PACIF	19/0	19/0	U-UTG GRP	167/0	186/0
FILMAN GP	85/0	85/0	M&C PACIF	17/4	17/4	U-WAYNE K	105/0	105/0
FILMAY J	101/0	101/0	M&C PACIF	66/0	66/0	U-WMS LEI	58/0	58/0
FITCH LOW	265/0	265/0	M&C PACIF	110/0	111/0	U-WYKO GP	73/0	73/0
FLING AMER	112/4	113/0	M&C PACIF	103/0	102/0	U.E.I.	399/0	399/0
FLING F.E	165/0	168/0	M&C PACIF	56/0	55/0	UK PAPER	164/0	163/0
FLING INTV	133/0	134/0	M&C PACIF	120/0	120/0	ULSTER TV	73/0	73/0
FLING JAPN	190/0	190/0	M&C PACIF	49/0	48/0	UNDERWOOD	87/0	87/0
FLING MERC	172/4	172/0	M&C PACIF	110/0	111/0	UNION DIS	531/0	530/0
FLING TECH	176/0	177/0	M&C PACIF	103/0	102/0	UNITECH	192/0	193/0
FOR SOL	100/0	100/4	M&C PACIF	100/0	100/0	UTD. INDUS	48/0	48/0
FRESHBARE	160/0	160/0	M&C PACIF	150/0	150/0	UTD. SCEN	160/0	160/0
FRODO NO	243/0	245/0	M&C PACIF	95/0	95/0	VALUEINIC	53/4	54/0
FRONROSE	356/0	354/0	M&C PACIF	228/0	228/0	V&X GRP	693/0	695/0
GALLIFORD	67/0	69/0	M&C PACIF	208/0	208/0	VERSON	21/4	22/0
GARDINER	50/0	48/0	M&C PACIF	116/0	117/0	VG INSTWT	321/0	323/0
GEEST	260/0	260/0	M&C PACIF	19/6	19/6	VICKERS	160/4	161/0
GEI INTL	126/0	126/0	M&C PACIF	358/0	357/0	VIRGIN GP	121/0	124/0
GERDENTAT	266/0	267/0	M&C PACIF	173/0	174/0	VPI GROUP	298/0	295/0
GESTIMER	195/0	192/0	M&C PACIF	242/0	243/0	WAGON HDG	299/0	298/0
GPE	52/0	51/0	M&C PACIF	320/0	320/0	WARD HLDG	121/0	122/0
GREEN KMG	442/0	440/0	M&C PACIF	85/0	85/0	WARD HLDG	62/0	62/0
GREENLL W	226/0	227/0	M&C PACIF	206/0	206/0	WATERLOO	92/0	92/0
GREYCOAT	384/0	384/0	M&C PACIF	251/0	251/0	WATERED U	92/0	92/0
GRUP TV A	45/0	45/0	M&C PACIF	469/0	469/0	WATERS CTY	167/0	168/0
GT PRTLD	335/0	336/0	M&C PACIF	136/0	136/0	WATTS B&B	291/0	292/0
GUINNESS NA	122/0	122/0	M&C PACIF	178/0	178/0	W&S GRP	36/0	36/0
GUS ORD	680/0	700/0	M&C PACIF	64/4	64/4	W&S GRP	213/0	213/0
GVT ATL	117/0	118/0	M&C PACIF	210/0	210/0	W&S GRP	113/0	113/0
GVT STRA	219/0	219/0	M&C PACIF	76/0	76/0	W&S GRP	202/0	203/0
H'LAND DIS	104/0	103/0	M&C PACIF	382/0	383/0	WESTLAND	102/0	102/0
HALL (N)	128/0	129/0	M&C PACIF	109/0	110/0	WHEWAT	75/0	75/0
HALLMA	176/0	176/0	M&C PACIF	348/0	348/0	WIDNEY	31/0	31/0
HAMBROS I	211/0	212/0	M&C PACIF	639/0	640/0	WILKER GRN	104/0	105/0
HAMMERSON	631/0	629/0	M&C PACIF	141/0	141/0	WILSON B&B	216/0	216/0
HAZELWOOD	43/4	43/4	M&C PACIF	165/0	166/0	WILSON CON	158/0	158/0
HEATH (CE)	407/0	409/0	M&C PACIF	254.0	254.0	WOLSELEY	260/0	258/0
HELENE PL	32/4	33/0	M&C PACIF	117/0	117/0	WOLVEDUD	408/0	407/0
HEMPORT	221/0	222/0	M&C PACIF	40/4	40/4	WPP GRP	577/0	577/0
HESTAIR	305/0	306/0	M&C PACIF	122/0	122/0	WST MOTOR	544/0	545/0
HEYWOOD W	267/0	269/0	M&C PACIF	232/0	232/0	YALEVALD	413/0	412/0
HICKSH IN	199/0	198/0	M&C PACIF	117/0	117/0	YORK CHEN	223/0	223/0
HIGGS HIL	350/0	350/0	M&C PACIF	117/0	117/0	YORKSHR TV	192/0	191/0

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

London—A 200 mln dir, four-year equity warrant Eurobond for Casio Computer Co Ltd, some details of whose terms Casio announced in Tokyo earlier today, has been postponed, lead manager Daiwa Europe Ltd said. (RTXK 0950)

London—The coupon on the Yuasa Shoji Co Ltd 50 mln dir equity warrant Eurobond, due September 15, 1992, has been raised to 5-1/2 pct from its indicated 5-1/4 pct, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. The coupon is the highest seen this year for a four-year equity warrant bond. (RTXK 0938)

Zurich—Japan's Shin-Etsu Polymer Co Ltd is issuing 50 mln Swiss francs in convertible notes with an indicated coupon of 1/2 pct and par pricing, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said. (RTWTR 0801)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
11-3/4 1/2	12-5/16 1/16	12-9/16 7/16
4.70/75	4.85/95	5.10/20
7-7/16 1/2	7-5/8 3/4	7-5/16 8/16
1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/2 3-3/4	3-3/4 4
6.05	7-1/8 3/16	7-7/16 1/2
10 10-1/2	10-7/8 11-3/8	11-1/8 11-5/8
5.25/37	5.37/47	5.55/60
3.9375 4.0000	4.2500 3125	4.1250 1875
7.06 7.31	7.37 7.50	7.62 7.75

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-3/16	9-9/16
3 months	6-3/16	9-9/16
6 months	6-3/16	9-9/16
1 year	6-1/4	6-5/8

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	59	58	58.50	NICO	610	600	595
243	239.50	244	GRASIM	104.50	104	105.25	NOCIL	630	600	620
170	170	168.75	GSFC	146.25	145	145.50	ORRAY	30	29	29
258.75	252.50	255	IND LEVER	69	69	70	PEICO	28.50	28	29
227.50	230	227.50	HINDALCO	96.50	96	96.50	PFIZER	57	57.50	58
108	108	109	HINDOCOR	81.25	81	87.50	PRI-AUTO	30.50	29.75	30
95	95	95	HINDOIL	27.25	27	26.75	RAYMOND	57	56.50	57
59.75	610.00	610.00	IND ORG	31.50	31	30.50	RELIANCE	202	199	200
1022	1000	1012	INDRANAY	66	65.75	66.75	SIEMENS	83	82	84
245	245	245	INDROL	170	170	175	SPIC	49.25	48	48
39	38.50	38.50	ITC	41	43	45	STONHILLS	242.50	240	245
49	49	50	IKSYNTH	72.50	72.50	71.50	TATA PWR	222.50	220	222.50
117.50	118.75	120	L AND T	108	105.50	101	TATACHEN	73.50	73	76
18.25	18.50	19.25	MAHINDRA	59	59.50	60	TELCO	687.50	680	677.50
76.50	75.50	76.50	MASTERSHR	10.25	10.25	10.40	TISCO	870	862.50	860
29	28.25	28.25	NATHER PL	62	63	58	VOLTAS	335	332.50	337.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
ALCANTARA	202.5	202.4
ALCANTARA VR	1485.0	1480.0
BAIEN	178.5	177.5
BAIEN VR	258.9	258.2
BAYER	288.0	287.8
BAYER VR	325.0	325.1
BAYER VER	324.8	325.5
BIC	299.8	300.2
BRF	414.5	414.0
BMW	475.0	474.0
COMMERZBANK	225.0	225.0
CONTI GUM	236.5	237.0
DATMER	649.0	646.0
DEUTSCHE BANK	454.0	452.5
DIF	373.0	372.0
DR. PETER	281.5	280.8
EL. IND.	477.50	477.50
EL. IND. VR	477.50	477.50
GOLDSCHEID	288.0	285.1
HANFRA	431.5	430.7
HOFMEIER	280.0	278.6
KESCH	153.5	154.1
KORTEN	194.0	190.0
KUICK	423.0	412.0
KUICK SALZ	160.0	160.0
KUICK SALZ VR	427.1	408.0
KUICK SALZ VR	355.0	351.0
KUICK SALZ VR	140.0	137.0
KUICK SALZ VR	0	110.1
KUICK SALZ VR	673.0	669.0
KUICK SALZ VR	138.0	138.0
KUICK SALZ VR	196.0	193.5
KUICK SALZ VR	168.0	168.3
KUICK SALZ VR	517.0	516.0
KUICK SALZ VR	282.5	275.0
KUICK SALZ VR	424.0	421.0
KUICK SALZ VR	54.90	55.10
KUICK SALZ VR	60.00	60.00
KUICK SALZ VR	548.0	553.0
KUICK SALZ VR	178.0	175.0
KUICK SALZ VR	216.7	215.0
KUICK SALZ VR	229.0	226.0
KUICK SALZ VR	211.5	210.2
KUICK SALZ VR	260.0	250.0
KUICK SALZ VR	490.0	490.9
KUICK SALZ VR	274.2	275.0
KUICK SALZ VR	423.0	421.6
KUICK SALZ VR	148.5	149.0
KUICK SALZ VR	268.0	267.5
KUICK SALZ VR	253.5	254.0
KUICK SALZ VR	159.4	159.4
KUICK SALZ VR	246.0	245.0

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
ALJINOMOTO	2950	2950
AKAI ELEC	586	600
AKAI	908	908
ASAHI ELS	1820	1820
ASAHI OPT	655	654
BANK TOKYO	1550	1540
BRIDGESTON	1270	1270
CANON	1450	1440
CASIO COMP	1440	1370
CHUGAI PHM	1630	1590
CITIZEN W	868	885
D-ICHI KAN	2830	2830
DAI NIP KAN	750	744
DAI NIP PT	2600	2580
DAI NIP SC	1020	1020
DAI NIP TO	620	629
DAI NIP TO	780	800
DAI NIP TO	1880	1930
DAI NIP TO	2100	2180
EBRA MFG	905	907
EISAI	2070	1980
FUJITSU	1710	1700
FUJITSU BANK	3060	3060
FUJITSU PHOTO	3580	3640
FUJITSU SAMA	1810	1810
FUJITSU CP	700	703
ITTACHI	1650	1640
KONDA MOT	2080	2050
ISATON	2270	2170
ITO YOKADO	3960	4010
JAP SYN RU	1060	1070
JAPAN AIR	14000	14000
JAPAN MET	585	592
KAJIMA	1390	1380
KANSAI EL	2900	2900
KAO SHIM	1680	1670
KANSAI H	665	667
KIRIN BREW	1900	1880
KONATSU	701	717
KUBOTA LTD	710	699
KYOCERA	5700	5690
MAKITA EL	1650	1590
MARUI	2930	2940
MATSUDA EI	2580	2590
MATSUDA EL	0	2660
MEIJI SEIK	939	925
NITSUBU CP	1060	1070
NITSUBU EL	895	887
NITSUBU EST	2190	2200
NITSUBU HWY	828	820
NITSUBU CO	811	813
NITSUBU SHI	1800	1820
NITSUBU EL	1050	1060
NICHICOM	0	1300
NIKON CMNT	770	780
NIKKO SEC	1680	1720
NIP ELEC	2010	2010
NIP KOKKAM	595	595
NIP STEEL	1080	1090
NIP YUSEN	666	671
NIS MOTOR	1110	1090
NOMURA SEC	3430	3430
ONDA CO	891	900
OLYMPUS	1110	1090
PENTA OCH	810	822
PIONEER	3780	3700
REINOM	920	929
RICOH	1240	1250
SAIYU ELEC	665	663
SEIYU ST	2080	2140
SEKISUI PB	1680	1700
SHARP	1100	1100
SHISEIDO	1650	1650
SONY	6800	6770
SUMITOMO	1000	1010
TAISEI	865	877
TAISIMO HWY	1070	1080
TEKADA CH	2730	2700
TEIJIN	755	760
TKO NEW IX	96.22	95.20
TOKIO HBS	1880	1900
TOKIO ELEC	1210	1220
TOKYO GAS	1180	1140
TOKYO PWR	5500	5510
TORAY IND	797	785
TOSHIBA EL	1020	1010
TOTO	2070	2060
TOYO KIDGY	635	645
TOYOTA MOT	2570	2580
YAMAHA	1360	1400
YAMAHATCHI	1640	1670
YAMAMOTO	4250	4100
YAMAZAKI	1450	1440

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE HIGHER, RECOVER EARLY LOSSES
TOKYO, SEPT. 2. (REUTERS) — SHARE PRICES CLOSED HIGHER, RECOVERING EARLY LOSSES, AS INVESTORS PICKED UP SOME BARGAINS IN A GENERALLY DULL SESSION, BROKERS SAID.

"THE MARKET IS A LITTLE SKITTISH AND NONCOMMITTAL. IT IS MOVING MORE FOR TECHNICAL REASONS THAN SENTIMENT REASONS," A BROKER SAID.

"WITH NEW YORK CLOSING DOWN FOR THREE DAYS AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES DUE OUT THERE TODAY, PEOPLE ARE UNWILLING TO MOVE," HE ADDED.

THE NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 182.24 POINTS, OR 0.68 PCT, TO 27,116.50. IT FELL A SHARP 431.69 POINTS ON THURSDAY.

FALLS LED RISES BY 1.3 TO ONE IN THIN TURNOVER OF 500 MLN SHARES AGAINST 480 MLN.

DAILY TURNOVER FOR AUGUST HAS AVERAGED ABOUT 615.95 MLN SHARES, NEAR THE YEAR'S LOW SET IN JANUARY AT 594.51 MLN AND FAR FROM JUNE'S PEAK OF 1.75 BILLION SHARES.

PHARMACEUTICAL, RAILWAY/BUS, OIL, MINING, SERVICE, SHIPBUILDING, ROLLING STOCK, TRUCKING, REAL ESTATE AND COMMUNICATIONS SHARES LED THE GAINS.

SECURITIES HOUSE, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, CREDIT/LEASE, CONSTRUCTION, WAREHOUSE, BANK, GLASS/CEMENT, RETAIL, AIRLINE AND FISHERY ISSUES LED THE FALLS.

SHARE PRICES FLUCTUATED IN A NARROW RANGE THROUGH THE MORNING WITH THE NIKKEI INDEX HITTING A LOW FOR THE DAY OF 26,881.66.

SENTIMENT WAS DAMPENED BY A SHARP 29-POINT DROP IN WALL STREET PRICES OVERNIGHT.

BUT BARGAIN HUNTERS CAME IN IN THE AFTERNOON AND THE INDEX CLIMBED STEADILY TO A HIGH OF 27,123.56 JUST BEFORE THE CLOSE.

THERE WERE MANY BARGAINS AROUND AFTER RECENT LOSSES. SHARE PRICES WERE DOWN 448.91 POINTS, OR 1.63 PCT, ON THE WEEK.

INDIVIDUALS AND SOME INVESTMENT TRUSTS WERE THE MAIN BUYERS, BROKERS SAID.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, SEPT. 2. (REUTERS) — SHARE PRICES CLOSED HIGHER FOLLOWING ANOTHER QUIET TRADING DAY, WITH MOST INVESTORS KEEPING TO THE SIDELINES TO AWAIT NEW DIRECTION, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX ENDED 16.57 HIGHER TO 2,449.89 AFTER AN INITIAL 12-POINT FALL IN EARLY TRADING.

THE BROADER-BASED HONG KONG INDEX ROSE 12.28 TO 1,620.53. TURNOVER WAS AT 408.54 MLN H.K. DLSR AGAINST THURSDAY'S 391.60 MLN.

"THERE WAS NOT MUCH SELLING WHILE SHARE PRICES WERE LOWER IN THE MORNING," HOWARD GORGES OF SUN HUNG KAI SECURITIES SAID, ADDING "THE MARKET SHOULD BE READY TO RALLY."

AMMAN

As of 31.8.88	OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.16	1.16
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.58	1.58
ARAB BANK	107.5	107.5
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	3.95	4.00
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.39	1.39
ARAB INSURANCE	0.83	0.90
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.94	0.90
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVT/BK	2.05	2.10
ARAB PAPER COM/TRA	0.29	0.27
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	1.95	1.94
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	1.65	1.65
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	14.90	15.00
BANK OF JORDAN	1.00	0.95
BELGIUM INSURANCE	28.00	28.00
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	1.05	1.25
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	0.61	0.60
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	1.59	1.59
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	0.52	0.50
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.58	0.57
FINANCIAL CREDIT/CO	0.45	0.45
GARAGE CHEN. BROS	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INSURANCE	1.33	1.31
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.40	1.36
GENERAL MINING	0.75	0.75
HIMMEL MINERALS	1.26	1.25
HOTEL LAND INS.	0.60	0.60
IND./WATCH JEMCO	0.50	0.51
INDSTR. DEVLPT BKK	1.21	1.19
INDSTR. COMM/AGR.	0.75	0.75
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.19	0.18
INTER. COM/INV	0.85	0.86
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.64	0.64
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	1.22	1.20
ITERMED/PETRI/CHI	0.79	0.80
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	1.26	1.29
JERUSALEM INS.	14.50	14.25
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	1.24	1.24
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	25.01	25.05
JOR EAGLE INS.	1.64	1.64
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	0.85	0.93
JOR FINANCIAL HOUSE	0.88	0.89
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	2.50	2.30
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	1.63	1.62
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.20	1.20
JOR INS AND FIN.	0.66	0.62
JOR LIM BRICK	0.20	0.21
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.52	2.51
JOR PAPER CARDBRDS	3.14	3.18
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.52	2.52
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.24	1.24
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.15
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.05
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.61	0.63
JOR SECURIT CORP	0.73	0.73
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.42	2.44
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.11	1.09
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.60	4.64
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.71	7.45
JOR. FRENCH INS.	4.32	4.35
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.02	2.05
JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.29	0.30
JORDAN DAIRY	0.98	0.97
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.18	1.18
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BKK	1.64	1.64
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.40	1.39
JORDAN TANNING	1.97	1.97
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.68	0.68
NACH/FOOD/RENT/MAIN	0.76	0.75
NAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.60
NIDDEL EAST INS	60.00	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
MIN. FIN. INVEST CO	1.75	1.75
NAT/CABLE/WIRE/RF	0.98	0.97
NATIONAL ALHIA INS	1.22	1.22
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.39	0.39
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.68	0.68
NATIONAL STEEL	2.56	2.55
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	1.97	2.00
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.83	0.82
RAPIA INDUSTRIAL	0.75	0.75
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.42	0.42
SHIPPING LINES	0.85	0.85
SPINNING WEAVING	0.75	0.75
THE HOUSING BANK	1.96	1.96
UNITED INSURANCE	0.96	1.00
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.49	1.49
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.72	0.72
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.70	0.68
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.05	1.05

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	70.00	70.50
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.44	.45
AC-A	9.20	9.30	9.20	LC-B	.46	.47
AC-B	2.48	2.50	2.50	PX-A	.34	.35
AC-C	2.55	2.60	2.60	PX-B	.35	.36
AC-D	33.50	34.00	33.50	OIL SECTOR		
LDLT	209.00	210.00	209.00	BP-A	.017	.018
PSI-A	2.02	2.08		BP-B	.018	.019
CMC-A	139.00	140.00	142.00	LRC-A	.0032	.0034
CMC-B	226.00			LRC-B	.0032	.0034
MINING SECTOR				OPH-A	.029	.029
PX-A	.031	.032	.032	OPH-B	.031	.032
PX-B	.031	.033		OV-A	.028	.029
T-A	19.00	19.25	19.50	OV-B	.028	.03

Wall Street stocks surge

Dollar dips on rise in US jobless rate

LONDON, Sept 2, (Reuters): The dollar dipped and Wall Street stocks surged today after the United States reported an unexpected rise in its unemployment rate last month.

The US Labour Department report that the jobless rate rose to 5.6 per cent last month from 5.4 per cent in July knocked one penny and half a yen off the dollar, which slid to 1.8630 West German marks and 136.45 yen.

Increase
The Dow Jones average of 30 blue chip American stocks rose nearly 34 points to an early high of 2,036.

Dealers had expected to change in the unemployment rate, the first major economic indicator released for August.

The increase may have eased concern that strong US economic growth last month might rekindle inflation and force American interest rates higher, dealers said.

The unemployment rate fell to a 14-year low of 5.3 per cent in June.

But dealers said that the num-

ber of Americans who found jobs in August — 219,000 — was just slightly below what economists had forecast.

"I was genuinely surprised at the reaction to the figures," said a London trader of US government bonds.

The benchmark 30-year US Treasury bond climbed more than \$1.50 to trade at about \$99.85 per 100 dollar face value. Many investors sell bonds when they think inflation is on the rise.

Gold, a traditional hedge against inflation, dropped one dollar to \$429 an ounce in European trading.

Higher interest rates should boost demand for the dollar by increasing returns on American bank accounts and bonds.

Confidence

But on stock markets investors fear costlier borrowing could cut deeply into businesses' profits and so make their shares less attractive to hold.

Frankfurt closed slightly firmer before the US data came out, while in Paris the bourse

indicator was down 0.05 per cent in mid-afternoon.

Earlier, Tokyo's 225-share Nikkei Average rose 182.24 points, or 0.7 per cent, to 27,116.50, after plunging 431.69 points on Thursday.

"Investors are sidelined because they do not have confidence over what level interest rates will stabilise at," said Kazuma Kitai, director of Japanese equities at county Nat-West Securities Japan Ltd.

Decline

"The market fell a lot yesterday and people are wondering how it can start going up again," Kitai said.

The British pound sterling was under pressure, sliding as much as one cent to a low of \$1.6650. It slipped more than two pence to dip below 3.13 marks.

The Bank of England intervened today, buying pounds to stop the slide.

Dealers said the decline was exaggerated because trading was thin. But some believe further declines may be coming.

"This latest weakness is a fun-

damental change in attitudes towards the pound and not just markets behaving strangely," said David Morrison, chief economist at Goldman Sachs and Co.

Morrison said the change has come because Britain's trade deficit has recently widened sharply and because West Germany has tightened its own monetary policy.

Meanwhile, oil prices held steady, with Brent crude oil from the North Sea trading at \$14.35 a barrel for October delivery.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng share index rose 16.57 points to 2,449.89 and Sydney's All-Ordinaries index was up 5.4 points to 1,546.8.

Down

London equity prices rallied in late trading after Wall Street staged an early surge on the back of weaker than expected US jobs data, which calmed recent inflationary fears there, dealers said.

However, they noted that volume was minimal and retail interest was again light against the background of growing fears

of another hike in base rates, currently at 12 per cent.

The pound was four basis points down in trade-weighted terms at 75.1 and money market rates firmed in sympathy.

At 1430 GMT, the FTSE 100 was 12.4 points up at 1,742.9 after 1,739.8 just ahead of the Wall Street opening.

Sterling's fall buoyed the big exporters but there was no aggressive buying because of a belief that UK authorities would not allow the pound to fall very far.

Short-covering on the last day of the account also helped push prices ahead but the vast majority of open positions were already covered, dealers said. At 1500 GMT, volume in leading shares was 413 mln shares which, although higher than in recent days, was still far below levels reached before October 1987.

Foreign exchange dealers said the negative sentiment following the record £2.15 billion UK July current account deficit appeared to be behind sterling's decline.

World bankers see no case for general debt relief

LONDON, Sept 2, (Reuters): Bankers around the world say they are unlikely to agree to a UN agency's call to cut nearly a third off the debt Third World debtors owe them.

In a report issued today, the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) urged a cut of at least 30 per cent in commercial bank debt owed by Third World debtors.

UNCTAD, the main United Nations agency concerned with Third World development, said current international debt relief strategies were ineffective, and that only cutting the size of the burden would help.

Efforts

"It would undermine efforts of some creditor bankers, who are still willing to provide new credit," said a manager with a leading Japanese bank in Tokyo. "Generalised debt relief is totally unacceptable," said Christopher Johnson, chief economic advisor at Lloyd's Bank PLC in London.

"The view is that the countries

most deserving are the lowest income of Africa, but this is where the involvement of the banks is not so great as that of government and multilateral creditors," Johnson added.

UNCTAD based its recommendation on a study of the effects of cutting the debt of 15 countries — Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ivory Coast, Ecuador, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Uruguay, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

Targets

These countries were the targets of former US Treasury Secretary James Baker's 1985 scheme of linking loans and debt relief measures to domestic economic reforms.

Commercial bankers still prefer that approach for these countries, which includes the Third World's biggest debtor, Brazil, owing \$121 billion.

"Brazil has all the capacity in the world to service its debt, and it shouldn't be discouraged from doing so," said Dick Hayes, a

Sao Paulo-based executive with Bank of New England.

Bankers also were adamant about debt relief for other debtors, including Mexico and Argentina.

"No one can say that a country with a trade surplus of \$13 billion can't service a debt of 100 billion," said a senior British banker in commenting on Mexico.

Relief

"There will have to be some form of very substantial debt relief for Argentina rather than the standardised transaction," said Louis Schirano, senior vice president at First Interstate Bank in New York. "But banks want something back," he added. Bankers said UNCTAD's proposed 30-per cent cut would not threaten the international financial system because so many banks have recently set aside reserves from profits to protect themselves from potential losses on Third World loans. "Debt reduction should no longer be a taboo idea."

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Sept 2, (Reuters): The market closed firm but off the day's highs as a recovery in the industrial sector propped up the ailing main index. The All Ordinaries index rose 5.4 points to 1,546.8.

TOKYO: Prices closed higher recouping earlier losses as investors picked up some bargains in generally dull session. The Nikkei index rose 182.24 to 27,116.50.

HONG KONG: Prices closed higher following another quiet trading day with most investors keeping to the sidelines to await new direction. The Hang Seng index rose 16.57 to 2,449.89.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed firmer across the board on widespread bargain-hunting, spurred by a rally in Tokyo. The Straits Times industrial index rose 17.46 to 1,049.27.

BOMBAY: Heavy profit-taking triggered by a slow-down in institutional demand brought share prices down after three days of sharp gains. But brokers

said underlying sentiment remained bullish. Tata Steel fell 10 rupees to \$60.

FRANKFURT: Shares firmed tentatively in quiet trading, largely thanks to strong demand for retail shares, but with little sign of more general investor confidence. The Dax index rose 4.30 to 1,157.29.

ZURICH: Swiss share prices closed slightly easier but above earlier lows on cheap late buying. The All-Share Swiss index ended one point lower at 877 after falling three points earlier.

PARIS: French share prices opened the main floor session easier but slightly off initial levels in very quiet, cautious trade ahead of US employment data. The 50-share price indicator opened 0.38 per cent down.

LONDON: London equity prices rallied in late trading after Wall Street staged an early surge on the back of weaker than expected US jobs data. At 1430 GMT, the FTSE 100 was 12.4 points up at 1,742.9.



Floor traders are busy in hectic trade at the Tokyo Stock Exchange on Thursday as share prices were sharply lower at midday as investors reacted to a sudden rise in the dollar against the yen overnight. (Reuters wirephoto)

Tunisia expects 60pc increase in tourism in '88

TUNIS, Sept 2, (Reuters): Tunisia expects three million tourists to visit the country in 1988, a 60 per cent increase over the 1987 figure of 1,875,000, the newspaper of the ruling party said today.

Le Renouveau, published by the Rassemblement Constitutionnel Democratique, said Tourism Minister Mohamed Jegham made the forecast at a speech in Carthage yesterday.

Relations

Libyans, who have flooded across the border on shopping sprees since the two countries restored diplomatic relations last December, account for much of the increase.

Central Bank Governor Ismail Kheili told Reuters last month that tourism receipts for the first seven months of the year reached 507 million dinars (\$557 million), 90 per cent up on the same period last year. Receipts for the whole of 1987 were 570 million dinars (about \$630 million).

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 1ST SEPT 1988			
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel.
8	Shaan	ISA	2441860
9	Tug Amsterdam	G. Star	4845501
14	Ever More Clear	ISA	2441860
18	Ligurian Universal	GH & Q	4747815
19	North Wind	Al Bader	2433537
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel.
2/9	Eugeniusz Kwiatkowski A. Seas		2421303
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT			
B No	Ships Name	Agent	Tel.
2	Trade Freedom	M.A. Bahar	2433881
3	UCO-XVII	S. Shaheen	2432692
6	Ocean Envoy	Al Majid	2421439
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel.
O'Due	Atropos	M.A. Bahar	2433881
2/9	Al Manakh	UASC	4843150
2/9	Q. Ibn Al Fuja'a	UASC	4843150
6/9	Tor Bay	KMMC	2419814
9/9	Trade Fair	M.A. Bahar	2433881
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World commodity accords face hard times

LONDON, Sept 2, (Reuters): Commodity pacts which try to prop up prices of Third World raw materials have hit hard times and market analysts say the international agreement governing cocoa may be headed for the rocks.

"Commodity agreements ride the crest of the wave. At times they are down in the trough and at the moment that's where we are," says International Wheat Council (IWC) executive director Jean Parotte.

The International Cocoa Organisation (ICCO), straining in an oversupplied market to support prices that touched 12-year lows this week, has proposed scrapping fees paid by members to fund its buffer stock. The price-stabilising buffer stock buys in times of surplus and sells during shortages.

Plan
The plan, which will be discussed by ICCO members at talks opening in London on Monday, would mean selling some of the existing 250,000 tonnes cocoa buffer stock in order to finance holding onto the rest. Commodity analysts say such a move could be the beginning of the end of the pact.

"I feel fairly pessimistic," said one analyst in commenting on

the chances of sorting out the cocoa pact's problems soon.

The ICCO's dilemma reflects a series of setbacks in the past decade for commodity accords which try to control prices through economic provisions such as export restrictions or stockpiling.

Agreements

These agreements are haunted by the 1985 collapse of the international tin agreement, Parotte said.

The tin agreement left huge debts and a consequent string of still unresolved lawsuits in its wake.

Even before then, serious problems had emerged. The international sugar agreement finally abandoned an export quota system in 1984, and efforts to revive a global grain stockholding scheme failed in 1979.

Only three agreements with economic provisions remain — cocoa, coffee and natural rubber.

The cocoa pact has had the hardest time, hit this year by a another surplus crop and a bitter dispute between producers and consumers over prices it should defend and with defaults on buffer stock deliveries.

Amid all those worries, Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouet-Boigny, whose country is

the world's biggest cocoa producer, threatened this week to abandon the current cocoa agreement when it expires in 1990. He said it had failed to defend prices.

The international coffee agreement has survived in part because analysts said it has enjoyed the political backing of the United States and Brazil, respectively the world's biggest consumer and its biggest producer. But it faces the prospect of a bruising battle between producers and consumers generally over the future of the accord which runs until next year.

Consumer members say the export quotas it uses to manipulate the market are too rigid to provide the types of coffee needed.

Talks

Washington last week decided to join talks in London later this month on the coffee pact's future, but said it might not sign any accord that falls short of its demand for major reform.

Only the international natural rubber agreement, which, like cocoa, uses a buffer stock to stabilise prices, seems to have survived attacks on commodity accords relatively unscathed.

The agreement's buffer stock

manager, Aldo Hofmeister, has quietly sold large quantities of rubber this year from a stockpile that originally reached 360,000 tonnes.

Apart from the tin pact, analysts said commodity agreements suffered during the 1980s from hostility by consumer nations which see them as effective and hindering the free market.

Negotiating

"The sort of climate of opinion on commodity agreements has changed pretty radically in the Reagan-Thatcher era," said Charles Young, director of research for Landell Mills Commodities Studies in London. He was referring to the free-market policies of the United States and Britain under President Reagan and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

New commodity agreements appear out of the question now. "The odds of negotiating a new producer-consumer agreement with price stabilising provisions are not very high since there is a certain opposition from the consumers' side," said Michael Zammitt Cutajar, a senior policy adviser for the United Nations Council on Trade and Development in Geneva (UNCTAD).

Revenue

Indonesia relies on oil and gas for nearly half of its export revenue. If exploration is not increased Indonesia would become a net oil importer by the year 2012, Ginanjar said. Exploratory drilling has declined from 264 wells in 1983 to a low of 157 in 1986 and 167 last year. State oil company Pertamina said oil companies plan a 30 per cent reduction in spending this year.

The 40 foreign oil firms in Indonesia account for nearly 80 per cent of all the country's oil exploration — half of which is in risky offshore areas, according to the Mines and Energy Ministry.

Lebanese pound strengthens

BEIRUT, Sept 2, (Reuters): The Lebanese pound strengthened against the dollar yesterday amid signs of a breakthrough between Muslim and Christian leaders on electing a new president, dealers said.

"The efforts, the meetings and the statements by different groups have started to pave the way for a political agreement over the next Lebanese president," one dealer said.

He said the Central Bank had intervened to stabilise the market, offering to sell dollars at 430 pounds.

The Central Bank posted a closing price for the pound of 390 against the dollar, up from Tuesday's close of 430. There was no trading on Wednesday.

Decline

Mohammed Al Hout, an advisor to Central Bank Governor Edmond Naim, told Reuters the bank intervened to try to stem the decline of the pound.

Having been steady for months at around 350 to the dollar, the currency began to slip after parliament failed on August 18 to elect a new president as scheduled.

Indonesia oil exploration incentives get mixed reviews

JAKARTA, Sept 2, (Reuters): OPEC member Indonesia, worried it will become a net oil importer within 25 years, has announced new incentives to encourage oil exploration especially in marginal offshore areas.

The reaction from oil companies on Thursday was mixed. The package, they said, would encourage the hunt for oil in difficult areas but it also introduced tougher measures on splitting profits with the government.

Mines and Energy Minister Ginanjar Kartasasmita announced at a news conference on Wednesday easier terms for exploring in riskier fields, tax breaks, and a more favourable oil production split in remote frontier zones.

Competition

"We are trying to maintain investment momentum in the oil sector," Ginanjar said. "We have to watch the competition from other countries."

Indonesia, the only member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) east of the Gulf, wants oil com-

panies to step up exploration as its production begins to slowly slide, oil analysts said.

Ginanjar said domestic oil demand was rising as Indonesia industrialises, and more crude was being diverted for the country's development oil products industry.

Easier

"The goal is to step up exploration so new reserves can be found," he said.

He announced easier terms for oil companies to develop marginal fields. Contractors have long argued they should be allowed to pump oil from smaller fields that turn out to be unprofitable so they can at least cut some of their losses.

But the government also introduced a measure requiring 20 per cent of oil profits be split first — before the contractors deducts his costs. Under the old arrangement the oil company deducted costs before splitting the profits.

"It's kind of a wash," one oil executive said. "They've made it a little more attractive to explore



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VOELLER SCORES TWO IN WORLD CUP QUALIFIER

West Germany take Finland to task



Voeller: got two goals in the first half

HELSINKI, Sept. 2. (Reuters): West Germany began their campaign for a place in the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy with an emphatic 4-0 victory over Finland in Helsinki on Wednesday.

Rudi Voeller, who plays in the Italian League with AS Roma, scored twice in the first half of their opening European qualifying Group Four match to set up a comfortable win.

Lothar Matthaeus and Karlheinz Riedle scored the other two goals after the interval to complete an impressive display by a West German side which included five FC Cologne players.

Occasions

Finland fought hard and went close to scoring on several occasions but could not break down the West German defence.

Voeller opened the scoring after only six minutes when he struck a cross from Matthaeus past Kari Laukkanen.

Nine minutes later Voeller was on target again. Full-back Armin Goertz crossed from the left and Voeller headed home at the near post.

Matthaeus and Voeller com-

bined for the third goal. Matthaeus picked up the ball from a Voeller header and shot past Laukkanen.

Karlheinz Riedle scored the fourth four minutes from time.

Riedle's goal ended a memorable evening for the Werder Bremen player, who came on as substitute to make his international debut.

The West Germans looked strong in all departments and kept the Finns under relentless pressure.

Apart from Matthaeus and Voeller, full-backs Andreas Brehme and Armin Goertz pushed forward frequently to become additional attackers, creating problems for the Finnish defence.

The Finns' best period followed the third goal. It stung them into an energetic spell which saw them go close several times and they were particularly unlucky when striker Jari Rantanen hit the post after 80 minutes.

Rantanen, who plays for English Second Division club Leicester City, allowed his frustration to show a few minutes later when

he felled Goertz and was cautioned.

Finland coach Jukka Vakkila said afterwards that the West Germans' performance had confirmed his view that they were virtually certain to qualify from Group Four which includes European champions the Netherlands and Wales.

"West Germany played very well. Sometimes you think of teams such as West Germany coming to Finland and just giving 50 per cent but they played better than in June," he said.

Teams

Finland — Kari Laukkanen, Jyrki Hannikainen (Mika Lippinen), Aki Lahtinen, Jari Europaeus, Erkki Petaja, Marko Myrny, Kari Ukonen (Jarmo Alatalo), Esa Pekonen, Ari Hjeltn, Jari Rantanen, Mika-Matti Paatelainen.

West Germany — Bodo Illgner, Andreas Brehme, Armin Goertz, Jurgen Kohler, Holger Fach, Guido Buchwald, Wolfgang Rolff, Pierre Littbarski, Thomas Haessler, Rudi Voeller, Lothar Matthaeus, Dieter Eckstein (Karlheinz Riedle).

Gascoigne faces tough debut for Tottenham



Gascoigne

LONDON, Sept. 2. (Reuters): Tottenham's expensive new signing Paul Gascoigne faces a baptism by fire when he returns north to his former hunting ground to make his League debut for Spurs in the English soccer First Division tomorrow.

The 21-year-old midfielder, whom manager Terry Venables brought to London from Newcastle for £2.2 million (\$3.5 million) pre-season, returns to the north-east club for Tottenham's belated kick-off to the season.

Tottenham missed the opening matches last week when their game against Coventry was called off at the last minute because of essential work at their ground had not been finished.

Reception

Gascoigne might have preferred a reasonably cosy debut in his new-found London home. But instead he faces a cold reception from thousands of Newcastle's straight-talking fans.

The soccer-mad city loves players when they are at the club. But the supporters loathe them when they leave.

"It will either make him weaker or stronger as a person. I am hoping it will toughen him up," Venables said.

"He has to be professional about it, knuckle down and put on a good performance. He's an outstanding talent who is international material."

If Gascoigne needs lessons on how to perform when the pressure is on, Liverpool's John Aldridge is the perfect tutor.

Aldridge, seemingly on his way out of the team after Kenny Dalglish hastily signed striker Ian Rush back from Juventus two weeks ago, hit three in Liver-

pool's 3-0 win over Charlton last week.

Dalglish must now decide who to pick on his forward line, worth a staggering £6.5 million (\$10.8 million), for a tough clash at home with Manchester United.

England international Peter Beardsley made way for a short, substitute appearance from Rush last week, but with England team-mate John Barnes also in the fray, Dalglish's task is an onerous and difficult one.

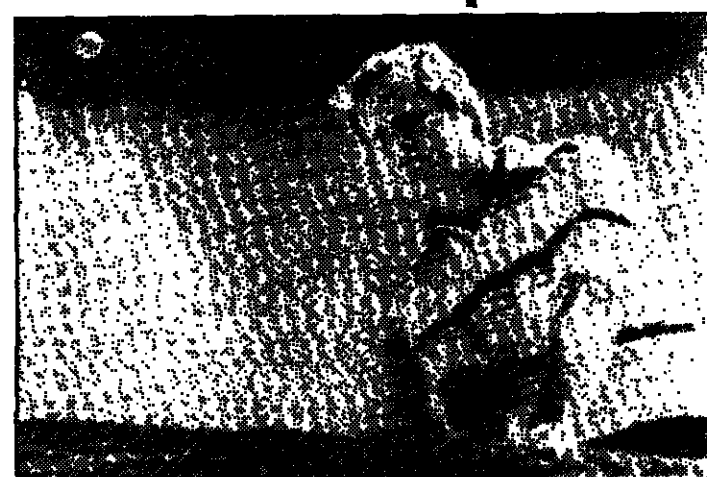
United, widely tipped to mount a serious challenge for the title after the close-season signings of Welsh international striker Mark Hughes and Scotland goalkeeper Jim Leighton, will want a good result after a disappointing draw at home against Queens Park Rangers last week.

Travel

Liverpool's city rivals, Everton, whose new signing Tony Cottee hit a hat-trick in a 4-0 drubbing of Newcastle last week, travel to Coventry, who will be pleased just to play a match after last week's last-minute cancellation.

Scottish defending champions Celtic, thrashed 5-1 by Glasgow rivals Rangers last weekend and beaten 2-0 by Dundee United in the Scottish League Cup in midweek, need a confidence-building win in a home match against Hamilton.

Sluman takes Open lead



Nicklaus hits out of the sand. (Reuters wirephoto)

OAKVILLE, Ontario, Sept. 2. (Reuters): PGA champion Jeff Sluman played the incoming nine in six-under-par 31 for a total of eight-under-par 64 to take the first-round lead in the Canadian Open Golf Championship yesterday.

A stroke behind Sluman in the \$750,000 tournament at the Glen Abbey golf club was Andy Dillard, who finished with eagle-birdie-eagle for a seven-under-

par 65.

Par at Glen Abbey is 35 out and 37 in for a total of 72.

Larry Mize, winner of last year's masters tournament, and Bill Britton, who birdied five on the last six holes, were next, tied at 66.

Jack Nicklaus, who designed the course west of Toronto, toured it in four-under-par 68 and was tied with four others.

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Redskins seek to retain crown

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2. (Reuters): The National Football League (NFL) opens its 69th season on Sunday with the Washington Redskins bidding to become the first team to retain the title of Super Bowl Champions in eight years.

But this year, several much-improved teams — most notably the Indianapolis Colts, the Minnesota Vikings and the New Orleans Saints — are expected to mount stiff challenges to the Redskins.

Fewest

The Colts have a team rich in talent, with running back Eric Dickerson and quarterback Jack Trueman. Led by a defence that gave up the fewest points last year, the Colts are certain to put on a memorable performance.

In New Orleans, the city of Dixieland jazz and Creole cooking, Saints fans are enthusiastic about their team's chances, mostly because their Saints made the playoffs last year for the first time in the team's 21-year his-

tory.

The Vikings, just one game from reaching the Super Bowl last season, must be considered solid contenders again this year.

Wide receiver Anthony Carter is a potential scoring threat every time he touches the ball. Tight end Steve Jordan provides reliable hands along with tremendous blocking ability, opening the lanes for running backs D. J. Dozier and Darrin Nelson.

Coming off a disheartening 6-9 campaign, the New York Giants have a long way to go to regain the form that brought them the 1986 Super Bowl XXI championship. The 30-day drug-related suspension of linebacker Lawrence Taylor, probably the best in the NFL at that spot, severely hurts the Giants.

The emerging teams to watch include the Houston Oilers, who made the playoffs last year after four successive seasons of finishing last in their division.

Led by a feared defence, the Oilers have three outstanding running backs, a proven quarter-

back in Warren Moon and a gifted pair of receivers.

The San Francisco 49ers possess one of the most potent offenses in the NFL with 1987 Most Valuable Player Jerry Rice and quarterback Joe Montana. With the offence intact, the team chose three defensive stars to shore up a sagging pass rush.

In the last two seasons, the Cleveland Browns have come close to reaching the Super Bowl, only to suffer last-minute losses.

Combined

Quarterback Bernie Kosar has developed into one of the NFL's top-rated passers. Combined with the best one-two tandem in runners Ernest Byner and Kevin Mack, the Browns may finally end their string of playoff disappointments.

The Denver Broncos have been to the Super Bowl twice and have been trounced both times.

But the acquisition of former Dallas Cowboy running back Tony Dorsett will add to one the League's most wide open offen-

ses, led by John Elway, who can run, pass and even kick.

In Buffalo, the Bills history of losing may soon change.

In a trade that hooked rookie linebacker Cornelius Bennett, the Bills now have one of the best and youngest linebacking corps in the League.

But even with all-pro quarterback Jim Kelly at the helm, the Bills still need quality receivers to catch the ball.

The Pittsburgh Steelers will try to recapture their glory days of the 1970s by returning to their trademark of a ferocious defence. It was the famed steel curtain that shut down opposing offences on the way to four Super Bowl triumphs.

In Philadelphia, quarterback Randall Cunningham has developed into an exciting and dependable player. He threw for 23 touchdowns in 12 games last season and rushed for 505 yards.

Along with pass rush great Reggie White, who had 21.5 sacks in 1987, the Eagles are a team to be reckoned with.

US defeat Puerto Rico

VERONA, Italy, Sept. 2. (AP): Ty Griffin's three-run homer in the third was all the offensive the United States needed last night as it defeated Puerto Rico 11-1 in the World Baseball Championships.

In other games Cuba beat Japan 3-2, Canada beat South Korea 3-2, Nicaragua defeated Spain 10-0, Taiwan beat Italy 5-2, and the Netherlands beat the Netherlands Antilles 10-7.

Striking

Jim Abbott went the distance for the United States, which is now 8-0, now striking out six and allowing only two hits. Jesus Feliciano was the loser for Puerto Rico, 5-3.

Lazaro Valle struck out nine and gave up just six hits in leading Cuba, now 8-0, to a 3-2 win over Japan, 5-3. All of the Japanese runs came on a home run by Oaisuke Tsutsui in the ninth. Hideo Nomo was the loser.

Kuo-Lee Chien-Fu allowed just four hits in nine innings and Lin I-Teng hit a solo homer in the third to pace Taiwan, 5-3.

Tyson-Bruno fight date set

NEW YORK, Sept. 2. (AP): Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson will fight Frank Bruno in a mandatory title defence on Oct. 22 in London, according to published reports.

The fight, originally planned for Sept. 3 and later rescheduled for Oct. 8, was set yesterday after Dr. David Chiu examined Tyson's right hand. Dr. Chiu found the hairline fracture — received during a street fight with former sparring partner and heavyweights opponent Mitch Green — was almost healed and removed the cast.

"The doctor said the hand will be completely healed five weeks from the injury," said Kevin Rooney, Tyson's trainer. "That means he'll be able to start hitting

people and things by Sept. 25."

In London, the promoters for the scheduled bout said they were awaiting word from New York but that all signs pointed toward a postponement.

"No decision has been made, but it's likely that the fight will be moved back," said Steve Lawless, son of Bruno's manager Terry Lawless and one of the people involved in promoting the bout.

Lawless said a decision could come this weekend.

Jarvis Astaire, boss of Wembley stadium where the fight is scheduled to take place, was not in his office.

On Wednesday, Tyson will travel to the Soviet Union for a week with his wife, actress Robin

Givins, who will film a segment for her TV series, "Head of the Class." While there, Rooney said, Tyson will start his training.

"We'll do some running, shadow boxing, and he'll be hitting the big bag with his left hand only," Rooney said. "He weights about 240 (109 kilograms) right now, but he'll get it off fast. He always does."

Tyson will do roadwork and light training until he leaves, and then workout a week in a Moscow gym. Then he'll leave for London on Sept. 25.

Rooney was still a little worried about his fighter's hand.

"The only question I have is when he hits somebody, with his power, I just hope nothing breaks again."

Tunisian wins

STOKE-ON-TRENT, England, Sept. 2. (AP): Tunisia's Kamel Bou-Ali survived a slugging battle with Robert Dickie to take the Welshman's World Boxing Council international super-featherweight title on a sixth round stoppage Wednesday.

The 24-year-old Welshman, who was making his first defense, was cut around the left eye and also bleeding from the nose when French referee Armand Krief halted the contest after 2 minutes 33 seconds of the round.

French cars reach Beijing

BEIJING, Sept. 2. (AP): With the flap of the French tricolour and the pop of champagne corks, 27 French automobiles cruised around Tiananmen square today to celebrate the completion of the first Paris-to-Beijing car rally.

The rally began on July 12 in Paris and covered more than 11,000 miles through 12 countries.

The participants, 58 men and 10 women aged 18 to 30 from France, Belgium and Germany,

crossed "deserts, some rainy places, rivers, plateaus and many, many mountains to reach our goal," said Alain Lafaille, the trip's organizer.

The trip marks the first time that a car rally of this size has bridged Europe and Asia, Lafaille said. The last time such a feat was attempted was the 1931 yellow crusade of Citroen, which was abandoned after many of the cars broke down in mountainous Pakistan.

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REKAVIK, Sept. 2. (Reuters): Iceland gave the Soviet Union an unexpected surprise on Wednesday when they held them 1-1 in a World Cup European Group qualifying match.

The Icelanders took the lead when Sigurdur Gretarsson of Lukarne took advantage of a mix-up in the heart of the Soviet defence to convert a cross from close range.

Finland could have scored more in the first half. He was clear through, but was blocked both times by the Soviet goalkeeper.

The second half followed the pattern of the first, with the Icelanders enjoying most of the ball but rarely looking dangerous, while Iceland continued to threaten with fast breaks out of defence.

Reduced

Again it was Desayev who kept his team in the match, twice pulling off acrobatic saves from Armin Gudjonsson.

The Soviet attack was reduced to long-range shooting and it was from such an effort that the equaliser came in the 73rd minute when Icelandic goalkeeper Armin Gudjonsson failed to hold a rising drive from Oleg Protasov.

There was a frantic goalmouth scramble and Protasov eventually bundled the loose ball into the net.

The Soviet team continued to press in the final 17 minutes, but never looked like denying Iceland their point.

The five-nation group, from which only one is certain to qualify, is completed by East Germany, Austria and Turkey.

Denmark beat Sweden in friendly

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Sept. 2. (AP): Rookie striker Lars Elstrup scored both goals as Denmark edged archival Sweden 2-1 in their annual friendly match before 20,528 fans at Rasunda stadium on Wednesday night. The Danes led 1-0 at half-time. It was the first loss after six straight wins this year for Sweden, which started the season with an impressive victory over the Soviet Union in the final of a four-nation tournament in Berlin last April, that also featured world champion Argentina and West Germany.

The reshuffled Danish team, coming off a disappointing showing in the European Championship finals last June in West Germany, dominated throughout the match. Many observers believed it was the best performance by a Danish team since the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

Started

The Danes, who had lost the last two matches against Sweden, capitalized on a fast counter-attack started by FC Cologne striker Flemming Poulsen on the right flank to take the lead in the 29th minute.

Elstrup, a 25-year-old from Odense playing his first international, easily beat Swedish goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli to the right from about five metres.

Elstrup outduelled Swedish defender Peter Larsson and made it 2-0 in the 64th minute after taking a perfect pass from midfielder Jan Bartram.

Ireland squad

DUBLIN, Sept. 2. (Reuters): Liam Brady, who missed the European soccer championship finals in West Germany because of suspension and injury, returns to the Ireland squad for their opening World Cup qualifying tie against Northern Ireland on September 14.

Manager Jack Charlton yesterday included Brady, capped a record 66 times, for the European Group Six match in Belfast despite a leg injury that has kept him out of English First Division side West Ham's first team.

Pakistan team manager quits

KARACHI, Pakistan, Sept. 2. (Reuters): The team manager of Olympic hockey champions Pakistan has resigned three days before the squad depart for Seoul to defend their title.

The Pakistan Hockey Federation said yesterday Khalid Mahmood had quit after half-back Naem Amjad was selected for the squad ahead of his choice Ayaz Mahmood.

The federation said he had been replaced by former Olympic player Isahuddin.

The Pakistanis open their defence of the Olympic gold medal against Spain on September 18.

SPORTS

GRAF AND NAVRATILOVA IN THIRD ROUND OF US OPEN

McEnroe and Becker tumble out

NEW YORK, Sept 2, (UPI): John McEnroe, Boris Becker and Pam Shriver were knocked out in the second round of the US Open yesterday, while Steffi Graf charged another step closer to the Grand Slam.

McEnroe, a four-time Open champion, showed little resemblance to his old self, losing his service 11 times during a 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3), 3-6, loss to Mark Woodforde. The night match lasted 3 hours and 51 minutes and was McEnroe's second defeat within a month to the left-handed Australian, ranked 36th in the world.

Failed
"Right now I'm sinking up the place... I'm choking right now," McEnroe said.

After a relatively uneventful first round at the National Tennis Centre, several seeded players were seriously tested yesterday and some big names failed to rise to the occasion.

The 16th-seeded McEnroe, a four-time US Open champion, struggled with his serve and netted far too many volleys in the nearly four-hour match.

"My volley let me down. I just missed it or I gave him too many second chances," the 29-year-old McEnroe lamented. "He played the big points better."

Woodforde, who beat McEnroe last month in Toronto, is the only player to win a five-set match from the former world



Cahill gives a faint smile as he sends a return to Becker. (Reuters wirephoto)

number one at the US Open. McEnroe had been 9-0 in matches that went the distance here.

"He's a legend, maybe one of the best players ever," Woodforde said. "It's a big thrill. To win to play him is fantastic. To win is even better."

Woodforde, who broke McEnroe's serve three times in the final set and 11 times in the match, was the second Australian to score a major upset

yesterday.

Earlier in the day, fifth seed Becker succumbed to painful foot problems and the improving serve and volley game of 33-ranked Australian Darren Cahill, a friend of Woodforde's since childhood.

Becker made the earliest exit of his US Open career with a quick 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 loss.

Asked what was wrong with his right foot, the 20-year-old

former Wimbledon champion said: "Everything. Any problem you can imagine. I'm too old I guess."

Eleventh seed Brad Gilbert, who beat Becker here last year, also fell yesterday. The American lost to Peruvian clay court specialist Jaime Yzaga on the US Open hard courts 1-6, 6-0, 6-4, 6-3.

The women's draw saw the early demise of fourth-seeded Shriver, who was upset by 41-ranked Leila Meskhi of the Soviet Union 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

After dropping the first set, McEnroe picked up his game somewhat to level the match with a 10th game service break in the second set.

Losing 6-5 in the third set, McEnroe again dug down to come up with a break that forced a tiebreak, which he won 7-3.

But Woodforde was simply the better player in the final two sets.

McEnroe, who had been well behaved throughout the match, showed his frustration after losing his first serve of the final set on some questionable line calls.

On the changeover, McEnroe went up to Australian chair umpire Richard Ings and asked: "Did I do something to you in a previous life before we came here?"

Men's second seed Mats Wilander of Sweden, 1988 champion of France and Australia,

survived his own three-and-a-half hour, five set scare by beating South African-born American Kevin Curren 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Wilander was kept off-balance by Curren's strong second serve and big net game but prevailed in the deciding set.

Fourteenth seed Andres Gomez of Ecuador also barely managed to make it to the third round as he was taken to five sets by little-known Shuzo Matsuoka of Japan.

Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg, the third seed, eighth seed Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia and 10th seed Henri Leconte of France rolled into the third round with straight set wins.

Continued

The top three women's contenders — Steffi Graf, the number one seed, second seed and defending champion Martina Navratilova and Argentine Gabriela Sabatini, the fifth seed — all continued to play as if they had taxis waiting with the metres running.

They each raced through their second round assignments in under an hour with Navratilova dropping three games, Sabatini two and Graf just a single game.

Other seeded women to advance were Americans Zina Garrison, 11, Mary Joe Fernandez, 13, and 16th seed Larisa Savchenko of the Soviet Union.

Indian leader wants England to drop Gooch

NEW DELHI, Sept 2, (Reuters): A leading Indian campaigner against apartheid today demanded pressure on England to drop Graham Gooch from a cricket tour of India and threatened to organise a boycott of the tour if the player captained the side.

"The decision of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) in selecting Graham Gooch to lead the English team to tour India is an affront to the people of India, who are totally opposed to the repugnant system of apartheid," Anand Sharma said.

Sharma, a ruling Congress (I) member of parliament and chairman of the World Youth Action against Apartheid, called on the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to "demand from the TCCB to drop Gooch and other players having South African links."

Called

Sharma, who has considerable influence with the government, added in a statement: "In the event of their failure to do so, we demand that the series be called off. We, on our part, shall mobilise the people of India to boycott the English team led by Gooch."

The Indian government has made no comment on the appointment of Gooch, one of several England players on a United Nations blacklist of sportsmen with links with South Africa for taking part in a rebel tour there in 1982.

Gooch revealed after he had been chosen to lead the side that he had had to break a contract to play in South Africa for Western Province before accepting the captaincy.

Indian sports officials said it was unlikely the Indian government would take any decision before a vote on the venue of the 1994 Commonwealth Games at a meeting in Seoul on September 15.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, said the Gooch controversy had put the Indian government in a dilemma.

If it accepted Gooch before



Graham Gooch

September 15, passionately anti-apartheid African nations might vote against New Delhi's bid to stage the Commonwealth Games in favour of Victoria, British Columbia, or Cardiff in Wales.

If India refused to accept Gooch, the TCCB might call off the 11-week tour due to start in December, they said.

Indian Olympic Committee officials said the Gooch issue was raised with Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi yesterday when he met India's contingent to the Seoul Olympics, which start on September 17.

They said Gandhi was non-committal.

TCCB officials said in London that Gooch had not been to South Africa since the World Cup in India and Pakistan last year.

Some Indian cricket officials said they felt the whole issue was being blown out of proportion, backing the TCCB argument that Gooch had not played in South Africa since the World Cup, no action against him was warranted.

Stressed

The Nawab of Pataudi, senior statesman of Indian cricket, stressed the World Cup was an internationally approved championship.

"How could Gooch be prevented from playing in this country at this stage?" he told reporters.

The sports ministry declined to comment on the issue, saying that it fell within the jurisdiction of the external affairs ministry, which said a decision would be taken after consultations with the sports ministry.

Small returns career best match figures

LONDON, Sept 2, (Reuters): Test paceman Gladstone Small returned career best match figures yesterday to put Warwickshire in a strong position against Glamorgan on the third day of their four-day County Cricket Championship match.

Small, who took six for 79 in the first innings, had taken five for 39 when play was prematurely halted for the day with Glamorgan 127 for eight, a lead of 184.

In the Roses match between Lancashire and Yorkshire at Old Trafford, only 80 minutes play was possible after tea.

In that time Yorkshire's tailenders fought off Lancashire's spinners to take the visitors' second innings score to 171 for eight, a lead of 177.

Rain prevented any play in the remaining four championship games.

Scores

At Old Trafford, Yorkshire 224 in 86 overs and 171 for eight, Lancashire 218 in 93.4 overs.

At Edgbaston: Glamorgan 272 in 83.5 overs and 127 for eight, Warwickshire 215 in 83 overs.

No play was possible today in the following four matches because of rain:

At Southampton: Hampshire 113 in 55.1 overs and 113 for six, Gloucestershire 138 in 53 overs.

At Leicester: Leicestershire 332 for nine declared in 110.4 overs, Nottingham 118 for eight in 42 overs.

At the Oval: Surrey 362 in 109.5 overs, Essex 118 for two in 36 overs.

At Hove: Middlesex 471 for nine declared in 160 overs, Sussex 97 for one in 44 overs.

Gaekwad dies

NEW DELHI, Sept 2, (Reuters): Fatesinhrao Gaekwad, the former Maharajah of Baroda who was once president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, died yesterday at the age of 58, the Press Trust of India reported.

He was president of the Indian board from 1963 to 1966.

Saudi Arabia to host GCC Games

SAUDI ARABIA has agreed to host the first-ever GCC Games, to be held in 1991, according to a reliable source.

The source added that eight sports will be included in these regional games — football, basketball, volleyball, tennis, table tennis, handball, athletics, and swimming.

All six GCC member states have agreed to participate in the games for which Saudi Arabia has already begun preparations.

Kuwait will hold the second games in 1995, UAE will host the third in 1999, to be followed by Qatar, Bahrain and Oman, the source added.

Coe could replace Cram at Games

RIETI, Italy, Sept 2, (AP): Steve Cram's Olympic dreams appeared seriously in doubt after an injury in a track meet in this central Italian town, raising the possibility of a role for Sebastian Coe as a substitute on the British track team at the Seoul Olympics.

Cram, 27, was stopped en route to a world record try for the 1,000 metres on Wednesday by an apparent tendon injury.

Coe's father and coach, Peter Coe, said on Wednesday night of his son: "If he was offered the chance of going to the Olympics, he would jump at it. Of course, he wouldn't want it to be on the back of someone else's injury, and he would be very concerned that Steve Cram should be fit."

Peter Coe made his comments in a telephone interview with the Associated Press in London. The senior Coe was clarifying com-



Cram lies in agony at the side of the track after injuring his leg. (Reuters wirephoto)

ments made by his son earlier in the day.

"I am finished with the Olympics," the younger Coe had said. "The last thing in the world I would want is to run in Seoul

because someone on the team has been injured."

"I sincerely do hope Steve will be fit and able to compete in the Olympics," the younger Coe said.

E. Germany announce team for Seoul

EAST BERLIN, Sept 2, (Reuters): East Germany announced a 284-strong team for the Seoul Olympics today and officials said they had agonised over who to leave out of the line-up for their first Summer Games since 1980.

Wolfgang Gitter, general secretary of the East German Olympic Committee (NOC), told a news conference that the team would compete in 16 disciplines.

East Germany, one of the world's top sporting nations, missed the Los Angeles Games because of the Eastern-bloc boycott.

Face

Gitter said selections had been tough in athletics and cycling where numbers were limited but talent abundant.

So difficult was the choice for the women's discus that two contenders for the third place face a

last-minute decider next week at an athletics meeting in Potsdam. The Olympic athletics events begin on September 23.

World record holder Gabriele Reinsch and World Championship silver medalist Diana Gansky have already secured places.

The tussle for the third spot is between the out-of-form world champion Martina Hellman and like Wyludde, the junior world champion and record holder.

US swimmer

DENVER, Sept 2, (AP): Angel Myers was denied her request for reinstatement to the US Olympic swimming team.

A three-member arbitration panel rendered its decision after a closed door meeting last night that stretched into the early this morning.

"I'm really disappointed," said a teary-eyed Myers. "I didn't expect it to turn out this way."

The swimming star said she spoke to the panel for only 10 minutes.

Well-armed police commandos guard Olympic village



Tough security men guard the entrance to the Olympic village. (Reuters wirephoto)

built \$300 million Olympic village complex.

"The village is self-sufficient in every respect," Choi Yeh-Sup, deputy secretary-general of SLOOC's administration department, said. He claims it is "the best athletes village in Olympic history."

It consists of a semi-circular cluster of apartment buildings round the striking white steel and glass structure of the athletes' hall.

The hall's cafeteria will offer 266 international menus on a five-day cycle, taking into account religious and dietary regimens. Catering is by two deluxe hotels.

SLOOC will use 53 tonnes of beef, 12 tonnes of pork, 63 tonnes of chicken, 36 tonnes of fish and over one million eggs.

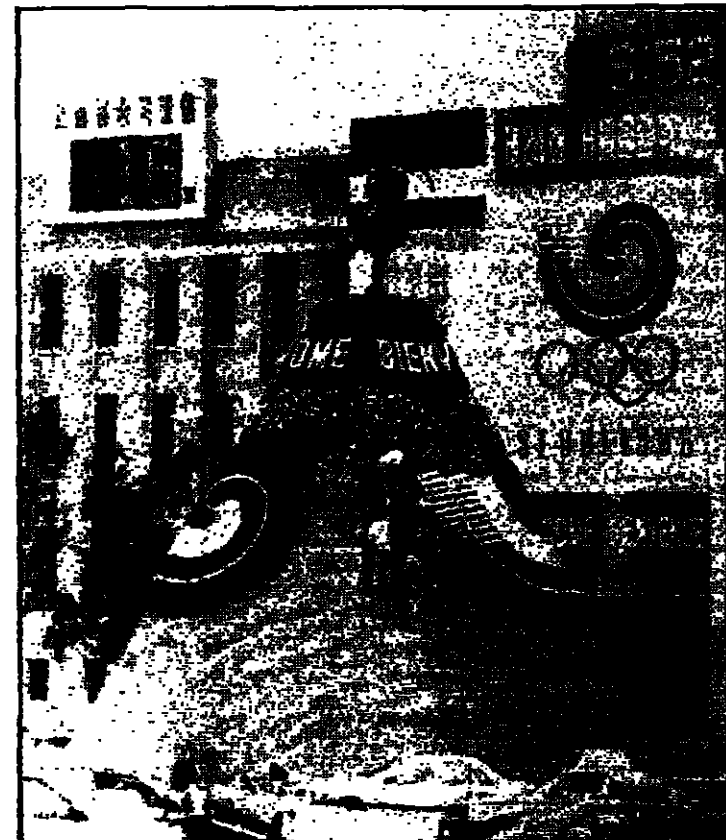
The athletes' hall also accom-

modates an information and shopping centre and service amenities, including a post office, bank, telegraph and telephone room, laundry, hairdresser, photo studio and discotheque.

Outside the hall, there is an indoor swimming pool, a medical centre and a religious centre for six religions — Catholic, Protestant, Buddhist, Greek Orthodox, Jewish and Muslim. For those of different beliefs, there is another prayer-room.

"We've built this centre so athletes need not venture outside the village for anything. Transportation is convenient as this area is removed from the busy city hub and most of the stadiums are nearby. Security is airtight but not so much that it intimidates," Choi said.

Soldiers will be camouflaged



A trash collector makes his way through the heavy traffic as other workers erect Olympic decorations in downtown Seoul. (Reuters wirephoto)

in "boy-scout-like uniforms," with bright green berets to soften their appearance, Choi said.

During the Games, 2,300 military and police guards will keep round-the-clock watch with plain-clothes security alert teams

on constant stand-by through-out the city. Only the perimeter sentinels will be armed with M16 rifles.

Hilly areas encompassing the village will also be patrolled and sealed off to the public.

Security precautions entail not only protecting athletes from outsiders but, in some cases, separating them from each other. SLOOC's accommodation arrangements, for example, ensure Iranians and Iraqis need face each other only in competition.

A shortage of hotel rooms necessitated the construction of another apartment complex for the 6,096 foreign journalists in a press village next to the Olympic village.

Main outside criticism has been directed at differences in decor of the two villages. The athletes' quarters are sparsely furnished, equipped with only bare essentials such as beds, dining-tables and narrow metallic lockers which SLOOC borrowed free of charge from local army barracks.

The press, on the other hand, are treated to wall-to-wall carpeting, roomy wooden closets, desks with abundant stationery, telephones and television sets.

"Reporters are professionals who are used to hotel accommodation," Choi said.

In an attempt to match the lucrative Los Angeles Games, SLOOC offered the village apartments for sale to the public, from March last year.

Sale was in auction form, with each prospective buyer required to make contributions to an Olympic donation. Donation funds raised about \$60 million for SLOOC. All apartments were sold four months in advance of the Games.

SPORTS BRIEF

Cowdrey upset

LONDON, Sept 2, (Reuters): Chris Cowdrey, who led England in the fourth cricket Test against the West Indies, has ruled himself out of the tour to India because he is upset at the way he was treated by the selectors.

Claim denied

LONDON, Sept 2, (Reuters): British athletics officials rejected today a claim that 10 per cent of British athletes took performance boosting drugs.

Belgian goalkeeper

NEUSS, West Germany, Sept 2, (Reuters): Belgian international goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff, discarded by Bayern Munich in the close season, said today he was joining Belgian club Lieke.

Club record

LONDON, Sept 2, (Reuters): Welsh Rugby Union winger Adrian Hadley signed a four-year contract with English Rugby League club Salford today for a club record £100,000 (£170,000).

Cup qualifier

ZURICH, Switzerland, Sept 2, (AP): Costa Rica yesterday was awarded a second-round bye in regional qualifying play for the 1990 soccer World Cup, after Mexico was banned from international competition.

Milan win

MADRID, Spain, Sept 2, (AP): Milan came alive in the second half of an exhibition soccer match against Real Madrid yesterday, adding two goals to its initial one to blank the lethargic Spanish team 3-0 and win the 10th Santiago Bernabeu Trophy.

Eike Immel

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Sept 2, (Reuters): Eike Immel, West Germany's goalkeeper during the European Championship finals in June, said yesterday he would not play again for the national side after being left out of Wednesday's World Cup qualifier.

Basketball star

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Sept 2, (AP): Basketball star Jose Ortiz Rijos said yesterday he has signed a \$2-million, three-year contract with the Utah Jazz professional basketball team.

Ammunition missing

SEOUL, South Korea, Sept 2, (AP): Police said today they were investigating the disappearance of 400 rounds of ammunition intended for shooting competition in the Olympic Games.

Jansher sails

past Martin

into semifinal

HONG KONG, Sept 2, (AP): Defending champion and top seed Jansher Khan of Pakistan beat Australian Brett Martin 15-12, 15-4, 15-10 today to advance to the semifinals of the 300,000 Hong Kong dollar (\$38,461) Cathay Pacific Duntlop: Hong Kong Squash Open.

Jansher the world's top player, took only 35 minutes to eliminate Brett.

Jansher's semifinal opponent will be 1986 world champion Ross Norman of New Zealand who defeated England's Jamie Hickox 15-10, 9-15, 15-12, 15-8.

Powered

Second-seed Chris Dittmar of Australia, who was beaten by Jansher in the New Zealand Open last week, also powered his way into the semifinals.

Dittmar, ranked third in the world, toppled seventh-seed compatriot Ross Thorne 15-4, 15-5, 8-15, 15-3.

Fourth-seed Rodney Martin, younger brother of Brett and a former winner of the Hong Kong tournament, earned the other semifinal berth with a grueling 15-9, 14-15, 13-15, 15-4, 15-11 victory over fellow Australian Chris Robertson.

The six-day tournament ends Sunday.

World badminton

BANGKOK, Sept 2, (Reuters): Results of preliminary round robin matches in the Badminton World Cup today.

Group A: Yang Yansheng (China) beat Alan Kusuma (Indonesia) 15-15, 15-6; Yang won group. Michael Kjeldsen (Denmark) beat Karan Kasapayant (Thailand) 15-4, 15-5.

Group B: Eddy Kusnawan (Indonesia) beat Morten Frost (Denmark) 15-12, 15-11; Kusnawan wins group. Mubun Sidel (Malaysia) beat Nick Yates (England) 15-4, 15-4.

Group C: Xiong Guobao (China) beat Pramote Thiravivat (Thailand) retired. Guobao wins group. Karsten Hall (England) beat Ib Frederiksen (Denmark) 15-13, 15-12.

Group D: Zhao Jianhua (China) beat Iouk Sugianto (Indonesia) 15-4, 15-5; Zhao wins group. Steve Baddeley (England) beat Sang Bae-Park (South Korea) 15-9, 15-8.

Semifinal draw: Yang Yang v Eddie Kusnawan (Indonesia); Xiong Guobao (China) v Zhao Jianhua (China).